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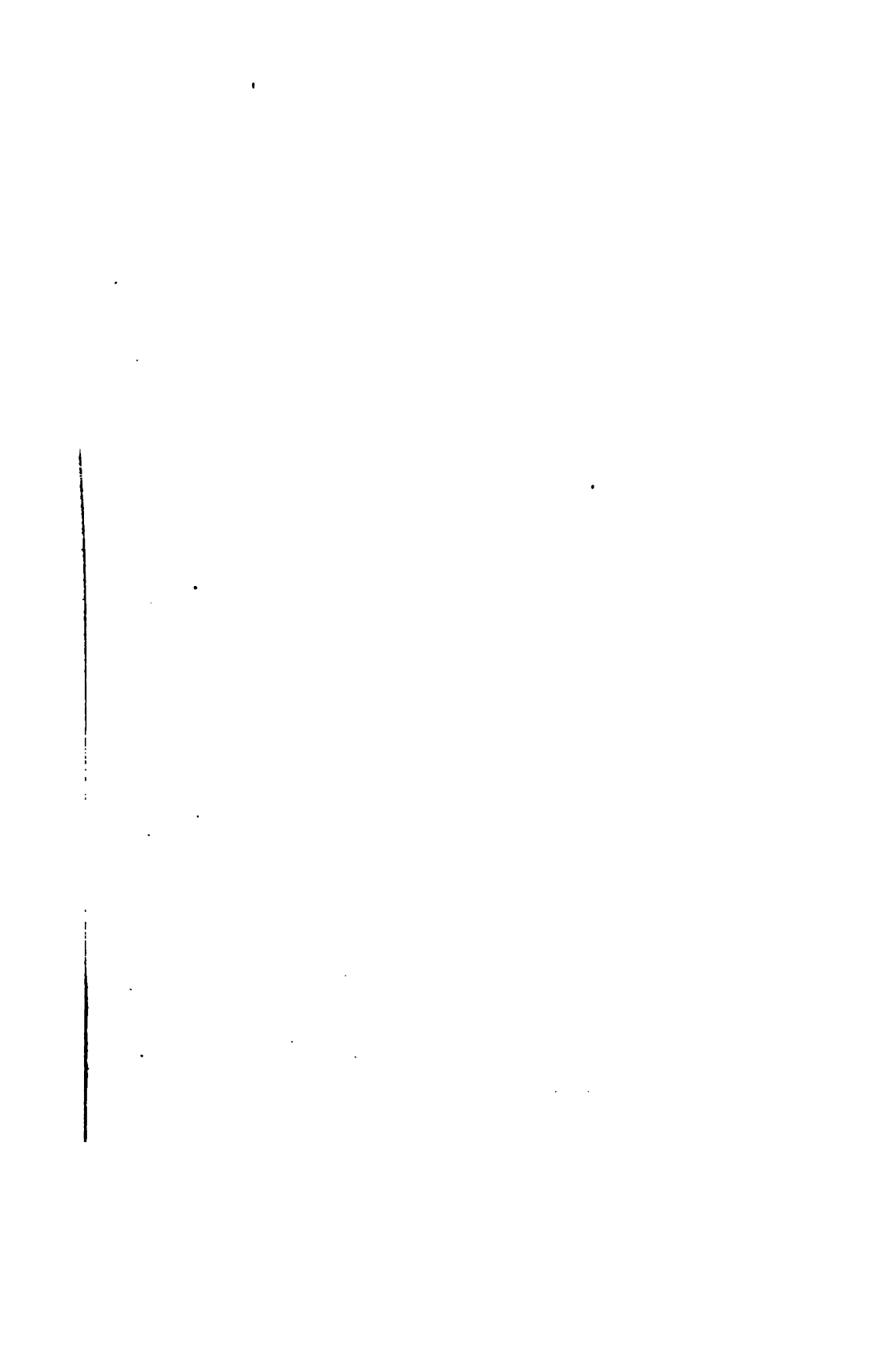




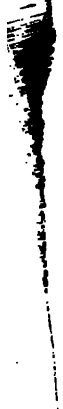


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The Prymer
OR
Lay Folks' Prayer Book.

(WITH SEVERAL FACSIMILES.)

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PREFACE.

THE present volume supplies the text of the common mediæval Prayer-book. Mr. Warner considers the date of the MS. from which it has been taken to be about 1420-30. The particular MS. has been selected partly because, unlike many prymers whether in Latin or English, it contains only the indispensable contents of the book itself, with no additions of any kind; and partly because there is every reason to believe that the text is a good one.

In the Canticle of the Last Judgment, concluding the Matins of the Office for the Dead, it will be noticed that I have slightly altered the reading of the MS., the original text, however, being clearly shown. My alteration is not wholly satisfactory—the variation in the MSS. at this point is very remarkable.

Though I am responsible for the whole, Dr. Furnivall punctuated the volume, and added most of the foot-notes. To another gentleman I am indebted for the verse numbering. To Mr. Jenkinson, Librarian of Cambridge University, and to Mr. Scott of the British Museum, I am indebted for the facility with which I have been able to make use of the MS. To many Librarians also, in various places, and especially to all the officials in the Department of MSS. in the British Museum, I wish to express my grateful appreciation of their kindness, though the results of their assistance must be deferred till the appearance of the concluding Part of the work.

It will be borne in mind, that in accordance with the rules of our Society, all contractions have been expanded in *italics*; all words and letters in red ink in the original appear in **clarendon** type; and all additional matter not in the MS. (except the marginal verse numbers) is printed within square brackets []. The collations with the Vulgate have been added to save the reader the trouble of referring constantly to the Latin text.

The verse numbering of the Psalms refers to the Book of Common Prayer: those of the Lessons and Canticles follow the Vulgate.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMMON MEDIÆVAL PRYMER.

The following outline will enable the Reader to grasp the plan of the book. It should be mentioned that, in addition to the devotions enumerated, the Lesser Litany, that is, "Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us, Lord have mercy on us," the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, V's and R's (Versicles and Responses) occur here and there. In the Hours a short series of devotions, *Memorials*, may be present in Lauds, and the *Recommendation* (a few lines only) may occur at the end of Compline. It is almost certain that we must abandon the idea once entertained, that a critical text could be formed by collating a number of Prymers. Such a course has been adopted for this edition; but the result is destructive, and very different to the one hoped for. Prymers which state in their text that they, or the Hours they contain, are according to the Use of Sarum, will be found to vary in the Hours and elsewhere, the variation, though slight, being clearly intentional, not the result of accident, and which the different dates of the MSS. do not, I think, explain.

The structure of Placebo and Lauds in the Office for the Dead, though at first sight apparently differing, is the same. Our text places a Versicle and Response after the Magnificat, they should almost certainly be placed before it; then, counting those psalms which follow each other with no intervening Anthem as one psalm, we find the structure of both offices alike.

THE HOURS.

MATINS.

The opening
The Venite
A Hymn
3 Psalms
Antiphon
V's and R's
The first Lesson, with its V's and R's
The second Lesson, with its V's and R's
The third Lesson, with its V's and R's
The Te Deum

LAUDS.

The opening
8 Psalms (the Benedicite considered as one)
Antiphon, Chapter, Hymn, V γ and R γ
The Benedictus, Antiphon, V γ and R γ
The prayer 'Grant us,' etc., Antiphon, V γ and R γ
3 Prayers, each with its Antiphon and V γ and R γ
A Prayer: the Proper Antiphon of the Passion with its V γ and R γ ;
and the prayer 'Lord Jesu Christ,' etc.

The Hours of PRIME, TIERCE, SEXT, and NONE have each the same order of devotions, as follows:—

The opening
The Hymn 'Come, Holy Ghost,' etc.
3 Psalms
Antiphon, Chapter, V γ 's and R γ 's
The prayer 'Grant us,' etc.; the Proper Antiphon of the Passion,
with its V γ and R γ ; and the prayer 'Lord Jesu Christ,' etc.

EVENSONG.

The opening
5 Psalms
Antiphon, Chapter, Hymn, V γ and R γ
The Magnificat, Antiphon, V γ and R γ
The prayer 'Grant us,' etc.; the Proper Antiphon of the Passion,
with its V γ and R γ ; and the prayer 'Lord Jesu Christ,' etc.

COMPLINE.

The opening
4 Psalms
Antiphon, Chapter, Hymn, V γ and R γ
The Nunc Dimittis, Antiphon, V γ and R γ
A Prayer; the Proper Antiphon of the Passion, with its V γ and R γ ;
and the prayer 'Lord Jesu Christ,' etc.

Concluding devotions.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

THE FIFTEEN GRADUAL PSALMS.

THE LITANY.

THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD (*as follows*).

PLACEBO (Vespers).

5 Psalms, each with its Antiphon
 The Magnificat, with its Antiphon
 A Psalm
 V's and R's
 Prayers

DIRIGE (Matins).

Consisting of 3 NOCTURNS ; each composed of :—

3 Psalms, each with its Antiphon
 3 Lessons, each with its R, V and Repetition
 The Matins of Dirige then concludes with the Cantic of the
 Last Judgment.

DIRIGE (Lauds).

4 Psalms, three having Antiphons
 Part of the 38th chapter of Isaiah, with its Antiphon
 3 Psalms, Antiphon
 The Benedictus, with its Antiphon
 A Psalm
 V's and R's
 Prayers

COMMENDATIONS.

The psalms 'Beati immaculati' and 'Domine probasti'
 V's and R's
 One or two prayers

THE FACSIMILES.

The frontispiece is a reproduction, in full size, of the fly-leaf of the Museum MS. Prymer (Latin version), Sloane 2633. This facsimile is valuable—the piety evinced and homelike picture called up being of high interest. The Museum Catalogue describes the MS. as having been written in England in the middle of the 15th century.

A reproduction, in full size, from the Museum MS. prayer-book, Egerton 2019, lf. 142. A learned friend tells me that the small miniature within the D "is certainly a representation of Confession : the priest has his almuze over his head." The Museum Catalogue describes the MS. as having been written in France in the latter half of the 15th century.



[The Hours of the Blessed Virgin Mary.]

[MATYNS.]

Domine, labia mea aperies.

L Ord, opene þou my lippis !
 And my mouþ schal telle þi preisyng.
L God, biholde þou in-to myn help !
 Lord, haste þou to helpe me !
 Glorie be to þe fadir, & to þe sone, & to þe holi goost !
 As it was in þe bigynnyng, & now, & euere in-to þe worldis of
 worldis. amen !

Alleluya ! Preise 3e þe lord !

[Invitatorie] Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

[*psalm* 95¹]: **Venite, exultemus.**

1* **C**ome 3e, make we ful out ioie² to þe lord ; herteli synge we⁵
 to god oure helpe³ ; [2] bifore occupie we⁴ his face in knou-
 leching ; & herteli synge we⁵ to him salmes.⁶

Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

3 For god is a greet lord, and greet kyng aboue alle goddis. for
 þe lord schal not putte away his puple ; [4] for alle þe endis
 of erþe ben in his hond, & þe hiþnessis of hillis⁷ ben hise.
 þe lord is wiþ þee.

5 For þe see is his, & he made it, & hise hondis formeden þe drie
 lond. [6] come 3e, herie we, & falle we doun bifore god ;
 wepe we bifore þe lord þat made us ! [7] for he is oure lord

* None of the verses are numbered in the MS. ; but the nos. are given for the reader's convenience in referring to other versions.

¹ 94 Vulgate.

² exultemus Vulgate.

³ salutari V. (As all the Latin collations are from the Vulgate, the letter V will not be repeated after the rest of them.)

⁴ praeoccupemus

⁵ jubilemus

⁶ in psalmis

⁷ MS. hillis ben hillis ben

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god ; & we ben þe puple of his lesewe,¹ & þe scheep of his hond.

Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

8 If 3e han herde his vois to dai, nyle 3e² make harde 3oure hertis ;
as bi þe terryng to wrappe, bi³ þe dai of temptacioun in
desert ; [9] where 3oure fadris temptiden me ; þei preueden⁴
& sizen my werkis.

þe lord is wiþ þee.

10 Fourti 3eer y was offendid to þis generacioun, and y seide : ‘euere
þei erren in herte.’ & þese men knewen not my weies ;
[11] to whiche⁵ y swore in myn ire, ‘þei schulen not entre⁶
in-to my reste.’

Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

Glorie be to þe fadir, & to þe sone, & to þe holi gost !

As it was in þe beginnyng, & now, & euer in-to þe worldis of
worldis. amen !

þe lord is wiþ þee.

Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

Impnus: Quem terra.

The cloistre of marie berip him whom þe erþe, watris & heuenes
worschipen, louten & prechen, þe which gouerneþ þe pre
maner schap of þe world.

The wombe of þe maide berip him whom sunne, & moone, & alle
þinges seruen bi tymes ; fulfillid of grace of heuenes.

Blessid modir, bi goddis gifte ! in whos wombe was closid, he þat
is hijeste in alle craftis, & holdip þe world in his fist.

Sche is blessid & fulfillid of þe holi gost bi þe message of heuene ;
of whos wombe he þat is desirid to al folk was brouzt forþ.

Glorie be to þee, lord, þat art borun of a maide ! wiþ þe fadir &
þe holi gost, in euerlastyng worldis. amen !

psalm [8]: Domine, dominus noster, quem.

1 **L**ord, þou art oure lord, þi name is ful⁷ wonderful in al erþe !
For þi greet doying⁸ is reisid aboue heuenes.

2 Of þe moup of 3onge children not spekinge⁹ & soukyng mylk,
þou madist perfilti heriyng for¹⁰ þin enemyes ; þat þou distrie
þe enemye & avengere.

¹ pascuae ² nolite ³ in irritatione, secundum ⁴ probaverunt me
⁵ ut ⁶ Si introibunt ⁷ quam ⁸ magnificentia ⁹ infantium
¹⁰ perfecisti laudem propter

- 3 For y schal see þin heuenes, þe werkes of þi fyngris; þe moone & þe sterris whiche þou hast foundid.
- 4 What is man þat þou art myndeful of him? eþer þe sone of a virgyn, for¹ þou visitist him?
- 5 Thou hast maad² him a litil lasse þan aungelis; þou hast corouzned him wiþ glorie & honour, [6] & hast ordeyned³ him aboue þe werkis of þin hondis.
- Thou hast maad suget⁴ alle þingis vndur hise feet; [7] alle scheep & oxis: feþermore &⁵ þe beestis of þe feeld.
- 8 The briddis of þe eir, & fischis of þe see þat passen⁶ bi þapþis of þe see.
- 9 Lord, þou art oure lord! þi name is ful wondrous in al erþe!
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
- As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [197]: *Celi enarrant.*

- 1 **H**euenes tellen out⁸ þe glorie of god; & þe firmament telliþ þe werkis of hise hondis.
- 2 The dai telliþ out to þe dai a word; & þe nyȝt schewiþ kunnyng⁹ to þe nyȝt.
- 3 No langagis¹⁰ ben, neþer wordis; of whiche þe voicis of hem ben not herde.
- 4 The sown of hem ȝede out in-to alle erþe; & þe wordis of hem ȝeden out in-to þe endis of þe world.
- 5 In þe sunne he haþ set his tabernacle; & he as a spouse comynge forþ of his chaumbre.
- He fulli ioiede¹¹ as a giaunt to renne his weie; [6] his goyng out was fro þe hiȝeste heuene.
- And his goynge aȝen¹² was to þe hiȝeste þer-of; & noon is þat hidip him-silf fro his heete.
- 7 The lawe of þe lord is wiþ-out wem, & conuertip soulis; þe wit nessyng of þe lord is feiþful, & ȝyueþ wisdom to litte children.
- 8 The riȝtfulnessis¹³ of þe lord ben riȝtful, gladinge hertis; þe comaundement of þe lord is cleer, liȝtnyng¹⁴ iȝen.
- 9 The hooli drede of þe lord dwelliþ in-to þe world¹⁵; þe domes of þe lord ben trewe, iustified in-to hem-silf.

¹ quoniam ² Minuisti ³ constituisti ⁴ subiecisti
⁵ insuper et ⁶ perambulant ⁷ 18 V. ⁸ enarrant
⁹ scientiam ¹⁰ loquelas ¹¹ Exultavit ¹² occursum ¹³ Justitiae
¹⁴ illuminans ¹⁵ in saeculum saeculi

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- 10 Desiderable more þan¹ gold & a ston myche preciouſe,² & swettere þan hony & hony-combe.
 11 For whi þi ſeruaunt kepiþ þo; myche ȝelding³ is in þo to be kept.
 12 Who vnderſtondiþ treſpaſſis? make þou me clene fro my pryuy synnes; [13] and of alien⁴ synnes spare þi ſeruaunt.
 If þe forſeid defaultis ben not lord of me, þanne I ſchal be wiþ-
 outen wem; & y ſchal be clensid of þe moſt synne.
 14 And þe ſpechis of my mouþ ſchulen be þat þo pleſe⁵; & þenk-
 ynge⁶ of myn herte euer in þi ſiȝt.
 15 Lord, myn helpere, & myn aȝenbier!
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was [&c.].

psalm [24⁷]: *Domini est terra.*

- 1 **T**he erþe & þe fulneſſe þer-of is þe lordis; þe world⁸ & alle þat dwellen þer-inne is þe lordis.
 2 For he foundide it on þe ſees; & made it redi on floodis.⁹
 3 Who ſchal ſtie in-to þe hil of þe lord? eþer who ſchal ſtonde in þe hooli place of hym?
 4 The innocent in hondis & in clene herte, which took¹⁰ not his ſoule in veyn, neþer ſwore in gile to his neiȝbore.
 5 This man ſchal take bleſſing of god; & merci of god, his helpe.
 6 This is þe generacioun of men ſekynge him; of men ſekynge þe face of god of iacob.
 7 Ȝe princis, take up ȝoure ȝatis! & Ȝe euerlaſtynge ȝatis, be reisið! & þe king of glorie ſchal entre.
 8 Who is þis kyng of glorie? þe lord ſtronger & myȝti, þe lord myȝti in batel.
 9 Ȝe princis, take up ȝoure ȝatis! & Ȝe euerlaſtynge ȝatis, be reisið! & þe king of glorie ſchal entre.
 10 Who is þis kyng of glorie? þe lord of vertues; he is king of glorie.
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem: [*Benedicta tu*].

Bleſſid be þou among wymmen, & bleſſid be þe fruyt of þi wombe, *ihesus*! amen!

¹ more þan, super ² ' & a ston myche preciouſe ' is repeated in the MS.
³ retributio ⁴ occultis . . . alienis ⁵ ut complacent ⁶ meditatio
⁷ 23 V. ⁸ orbis terrarum ⁹ super flumina praeſparavit ¹⁰ accepit

V7 Hooli modir of god, euere maide marie !

[Ry] Preie for us to oure lord god !

Pater noster : Oure fadir þat art in heuenes, halewid be þi name ;
come to þi kingdom ; þi wille be don in erþe, and as it is in
heuene ; oure ech daies breed 3yue us to-dai ; and for3yue
us oure dettis, as & we for3yuen to oure dettouris ; and
lede us not in-to temptacioun ; but delyuere us from yuel.
amen !

[**Ave maria :**] Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee :
blessid be þou among wymmen, & blessid be þe fruyt of þi
wombe, *iherus* ! amen !

[V7] **Et ne nos :** And lede us not in-to temptacioun ;

[Ry] But delyuere us from yuel. amen !

V7 Lord, comaunde us to blesse !

[Ry] Holi maiden of maidenes, preie for us to oure lord !

Leccio 1^a : Sancta maria virgo.

Seynt marie, maide of maidenes, modir & dou3ter of þe king
of kingis ! solace us þat we moun haue bi þee þe mede of
heuenli kingdom, & wiþ goddis chosun regne wiþ-uten ende.
þou, lord, haue merci of us !
þanke we god !

[Ry]¹ Holi maidenhede, & wiþ-uten wem, y noot what preisyng
y mai seie to þee, for him þat heuenes my3te not take, þou
bare in þi wombe.

[V7] Blessid be þou among wymmen, & blessid be þe fruyt of þi
wombe !

[Repet] For him, þat heuenes my3te not take, þou bare in þi
wombe.

V7 Lord, comaunde us to blesse !

[Ry] Preie for us wiþ meke þou3t, maide marie !

Leccio ij^a : Sancta maria, piarum.

Seynt marie, mekest of alle meke wymmen ! preie for us, holieste
of alle holi wymmen, þat bi þee, maiden, he take oure preiers
þat for us was born, & regneþ aboue heuenes, þat bi his charite
oure synnes be for3ouun us.

¹ In the MS. the word *Antem* precedes the first Response after each of the three Lessons. With this exception, apart from additions in square brackets, and the substitution of misplaced letters, duly noted at foot of page when occurring, this edition should faithfully represent the MS. word for word.

pou, lord, haue merci of us !

panke we god !

[Ry] Blessid art pou, maide marie, þat bar oure lord ! pou brouȝtest
forþ þe makere of þe world þat made þee, & þou bileuest¹
maide wiþ-outen ende.

[V7] Hail, marie, ful of grace ! þe lord is wiþ þee.

[Repet] pou brouȝtest forþ þe makere of þe world þat made þee,
& þou bileueuest¹ maide wiþ-outen ende.

V7 Lord, comaunde us to blesse !

[Ry] Holi modir of god, be helpere to us !

Leccio iij^a: Sancta dei genitrix q[ue].

Holi modir of god, þat worþili disseruedist to conseyue him
þat al þe world myȝte not holde ! wiþ þi meke biseching
wasche awe oure giltis, þat we þat ben aȝenbouȝt moun stie
up to þe seete of endeles blis, þere þou dwellist wiþ þi sone
wiþ-outen tyme.

pou, lord, haue merci of us !

panke we god !

[Ry] Sikirli, maide marie, pou art holi, & worþi to haue al maner
preisinge ; for of þee is risun þe sunne of riȝtwisnesse, oure
lord ihesu crist.

[V7] Preie for þe puple ; bide for þe clergie ; biseche for deuoute
wommans kynde ! late alle fele þin help þat worþili maken
mynde of þee !

[Repet] For of þee is risun þe sunne of riȝtwisnesse, oure lord
ihesu crist.

Glorie be to þe fadir, & to þe sone, & to þe holi gost !

þe sunne of riȝtwisnesse, oure lord ihesu crist.

psalm : te deum laudamus.

The, god, we preisen ; lord, þee we knoulechen.

The, endeles fadir, euery erþe worschipþ.

To þee alle aungelis, to þee heuenes & alle maner poweris,

To þee cherubyn and seraphyn, crien wiþ vois wiþ-oute ceessing :

Holi ! Holi ! Holi !

Lord god of oostis !

Heuenes & erþe ben ful of maieste of þi glorie.

The, þe glorious cumpeny of apostlis,

¹ remainest

The, þe preisable noumbre of prophetis,
 Thee, preisþ þe whit oost of martris,
 Thee, holi chirche knouelechiþ þorouȝ al þe world :
 Fadir, of riȝt greet maieste ;
 And þi soþfast worschipful oneli sone ;
 And þe holi gost, oure confortour.
 Thou, kyng of glorie, crist,
 Thou art þe endeles sone of þe fadir !
 Thou were not squoymous to take þe maidenens wombe to delyuere
 mankynde.
 Whanne þou haddist ouercome þe scharpnesse of deef, þou open-
 edist þe kingdom of heuenes to hem þat bileueden in þee.
 Thou sittist on goddis riȝt side, in þe glorie of þe fadir.
 We bileuen þat þou schalt come to be oure iuge ; þerfor we biseche
 þee helpe þi seruauantis þat þou hast bouȝt wiþ þi precious
 blood.
 Make hem to be rewardid wiþ seyntis in endeles blis !
 Lord, make saaf þi puple, and blesse þin eritage !
 Gouverne hem and make hem hiȝ wiþ-uten ende !
 Bi ech dai we blessen to þee ;
 And we preisen þi name in-to þe world, & in-to þe world of
 world.
 Lord, vouche-saaf to kepe us to dai wiþ-uten synne !
 Haue merci of us, lord : haue merci of us !
 Thi merci be maad vpon vs, lord : as we han hopide in þee.
 In þee, lord, y haue hopid : late not me be schent wiþ-uten
 ende !

[V] Holi modir of god, euere maide marie,

[R] Preie for us to oure lord god !

IN LAUDIBUS.

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in-to myn help.
 Lord, haste þou to helpe me !
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].
Alleluya! Preise ȝe þe lord !

psalm [93¹]: *Dominus regnavit.*

- 1 **T**he lord haþ regned; he is clopid wiþ fairnesse: þe lord is
 clopid wiþ strengþe, & haþ gird him-silf.
 2 For he made stidefast þe world, þat schal not be moued.
 3 God! þi sete was maad redi fro þat tyme: þou art fro þe world.
 4 Lord! þe floodis han reisid, þe floodis han reisid her vois.
 Floodis reisen her wawes; of þe voicis of many watria.
 5 The reisyngis of þe see ben wondurful: þe lord is wonderful in
 hiz þingis.
 6 Thi witnessingis ben able to be bileued gretli.² lord! holynesse
 bicometh þin hous in-to þe lengþe of daies.
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [100³]: *Iubilare deo.*

- 1 Al erþe, synge ȝe herteli to god; serue ȝe þe lord in gladnesse!
 Entre ȝe in his sizt, in ful out-ioiynges!
 2 Wite ȝe þat þe lord him-silf is god; he made us, & not we
 maden us,
 His puple & þe scheep of his lesewe.⁴ [3] entre ȝe in-to hise
 zatis in knoueleching; entre ȝe in-to his porchis; knoueleche
 ȝe to him in ympnes.⁵
 Herie ȝe his name! [4] for þe lord is swete: his merci is wiþ-outen
 ende; & his treuþe is in generacioun & in-to generacioun.
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [63⁶]: *Deus, deus meus.*

- 1 **G**Od, my god! y wake to þee ful eerli.⁷
 2 Mi soule þirstide to þee; my flesch þirstide to þee ful
 many fold⁸:
 In a lond forsakun, wiþ-out⁹ weie & wiþ-out watir; [3] so y
 apperide to þee in holi,¹⁰ þat y schulde se þi vertu & þi glorie.
 4 For þi merci is betere þan lyues¹¹; my lippis schulen herie þee.
 5 So y schal blesse þee in my liyf; & in þi name y schal reise myn
 hondis.

¹ 92 V.² credibilia facta sunt nimis³ 99 V.⁴ pascuae⁵ in confessione, atria ejus in hymnis; confitemini illi⁶ 62 V.⁷ ad te de luce vigilo⁸ quam multipliciter⁹ deserta, et in via¹⁰ in sancto¹¹ super vitas

- 6 Mi soule be fillid as wiþ inner fatnesse & outmer fatnes¹; and
my mouþ schal herie wiþ lippis of ful out-ioiying.²
- 7 So y hadde mynde of þee on my bed; in þe morntidis y schal
þenke of þee, [8] for þou were myn helper,
And in þe keueryng of þi wyngis y schal make ful out-ioie: [9]
my soule cleuyde aftir þee; þi riȝthond took me vp.
- 10 Forsoþe! þei souȝten in veyn my liyf: þei schulen entre in-to þe
lower pingis³ of erþe; [11] þei schulen be bitakun in-to þe
hondis of swerd; þei schulen be maad þe partis of foxis.
- 12 But þe king schal be glad in god; & alle men schulen be preisid
þat sweren in him; for þe mouþ of hem þat speken wickid
pingis is stoppid.

[*Psalm 67⁴: Deus misereatur.*]

- 1 **G**Od, haue merci on us and blesse us! liȝtne he his chere on
vs, & haue merci on vs!
- 2 That we knowe þi weie in erþe; þin helpe⁵ in alle folkis.
- 3 God! pupilis knoueleche to þee⁶; alle pupilis knoueleche to þee.⁶
- 4 Heþene men,⁷ be glade & make fulli ioie, for þou demest pupilis
in equyte, & dressist heþene men⁷ in erþe.
- 5 God, pupilis knoueleche to þee; [6] þe erþe ȝaf his fruyt.
God, oure god, blesse us! [7] god blesse us! & alle þe costis of
erþe drede him.
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c].
As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c].

psalm: Benedi[ci]te, omnia opera domini, domino.

- 57 **A**lle werkis of þe lord, blesse ȝe þe lord! ⁸herie ȝe, & ouerhiȝe
ȝe⁹ him in-to þe worldis!⁸
- 58 Aungelis of þe lord, blesse ȝe to þe lord! [59] ȝe heuenes, blesse
to þe lord!
- 60 Alle watris þat ben aboue heuenes, blesse ȝe to þe lord! [61] alle
vertues of þe lord, blesse ȝe to þe lord!
- 62 The sunne & mone, blesse ȝe to þe lord! [63] þe sterris of heuene,
blesse ȝe to þe lord!

¹ adipe et pinguedine ² labiis exultationis ³ inferiora ⁴ 66 V.

⁵ salutare ⁶ confiteantur tibi ⁷ gentes

⁸⁻⁹ This latter half of the verse is left out of all the subsequent verses, except
nos. 74, 83, 88. ⁹ laudate et superexaltate

10 I. *Hours of the Blessed Virgin.*—2. *Lauds.*

- 64 Reyn & dew, blesse 3e to þe lord! [65] wyndis of god, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 66 Fier & swellynge heete, blesse 3e to þe lord! [67] coold & somer, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 68 Dewes & hoor frost, blesse 3e to þe lord! [69] frost & coold, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 70 Iyse & snow, blesse 3e to þe lord! [71] nyztis & daies, blesse 3e to þe lord.
- 72 Liȝt & derknesse, blesse 3e to þe lord! [73] leitis¹ & cloudis, blesse 3e to þe lord.
- 74 The erþe, blesse to þe lord! herie & ouerhiȝe it him² in-to þe worldis!
- 75 Hillis, boþe more & lasse, blesse 3e to þe lord! [76] alle þat buriounen³ in erþe, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 77 Wellis,⁴ blesse 3e to þe lord: [78] sees & floodis,⁵ blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 79 Whalis, & alle þingis moued⁶ in watris, blesse 3e to þe lord! [80] alle foules⁷ of heuene, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 81 Alle kynde of bestis & wandrynge,⁸ blesse 3e to þe lord! [82] & mennes sones, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 83 The folk of israel, blesse to þe lord! herie & ouerhiȝe it him in-to þe worldis!
- 84 Prestis of þe lord, blesse 3e to þe lord: [85] seruauantis of þe lord, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 86 Spiritis & soulis of iust men, blesse 3e to þe lord! [87] hooli & meke men of herte, blesse 3e to þe lord!
- 88 Anany, azarie, misael, blesse 3e to þe lord! herie 3e, & ouerhiȝe 3e him in-to þe worldis!
- The fadir, & þe sone, & þe hooli gost; herie we, & ouerhiȝe we him wiþ-outen ende!
- Blessid art þou, lord, in þe firmament of heuene; & worþi to be heried, & glorious, & ouerhiȝed in-to þe worldis!

psalm [148]: *Laudate dominum, de celis.*

- 1 } e of [heuene], herie þe lord! herie 3e him in hiȝ þingis⁹!
- 2 } 2 Alle hise aungelis, herie 3e him: alle hise vertues, herie 3e him!

¹ fulgura ² superexaltet eum ³ universa germinantia ⁴ fontes
⁵ flumina ⁶ quae moventur ⁷ volucres
⁸ omnes bestiae et pecora [tame bestis, cxlviii, 10, in next psalm] ⁹ excelsis

3 Sunne & moone, herie ȝe him ! alle sterres & liȝt, herie ȝe him !
 4 Heuenes of heuenes, herie ȝe him ! and þe watris þat ben aboue
 heuenes, [5] herie þe name of þe lord !

For he seide, & þingis weren maad ; he commaundide, & þingis
 weren maad of nouȝt.¹

6 He ordeynede þo þingis in-to þe world² ; he settide a comaunde-
 ment, & it schal not passe.

7 Ȝe of erþe, herie þe lord ! dragouns and alle deppis of watris³ ;

8 Fier, hail, snow, iys, spiritis of tempestis, þat don his word ;

9 Mounteynes & alle litle hillis ; trees berynge fruyt, & alle cedris ;

10 Wilde beestis & alle tame bestis⁴ ; serpentis & feþerid briddis ;

11 The kingis of erþe & alle pupilis ; þe princis & alle iugis of erþe ;

12 Ȝonge men & virgyns, elde men wiþ ȝongere, herie þe name of þe
 lord ! for þe name of him aloon is enhaunsid.⁵

His knoueleching⁶ be on heuene & erþe ; [13] & he haþ enhaunsid
 þe horn of his puple.

An ympne be to alle hise seyntis, to þe children of israel, to a
 puple neiȝing⁷ to him !

[psalm 149]: **Cantate domino.**

1 **S**ynge ȝe to þe lord a newe songe ! his heriyng be in þe chirche
 of seyntis.

2 Israel, be glade in him þat made him ; & þe douȝtris of sion,
 make ful out-ioie⁸ in her kyng !

3 Herie þei his name in a queer ! seie þei salm⁹ to him in a tympan
 & sautre.

4 For þe lord is wel plesid in his puple ; & he haþ reisid mylde
 men in-to helpe.

5 Seyntis schulen make ful out-ioie in glorie ; þei schulen be glade
 in her beddis.

6 The ful out-ioiying of god in þe þrote of hem ; & swerde scharpe
 in ech side¹⁰ in þe hondis of hem ;

7 To do veniaunce in naciouns ; blamyngis in pupilis ;

8 To bynde þe kingis of hem in stockis ; & þe noble men of hem in
 irun manyclis ;

9 That þei make in hem doom writun : þis is glorie to alle hise
 seyntis.

¹ et creata sunt

² Statuit ea in aeternum

³ abyssi

⁴ bestiae, et universa pecora

⁵ exaltatum

⁶ Confessio

⁷ appropinquanti

⁸ exultent

⁹ psallant

¹⁰ gladii ancipites

psalm [150]: *Laudate dominum in sanctus eius.*

- 1 **H**erie 3e þe lord in hise seyntis! herie 3e him in þe firmament of his vertu!
 - 2 Herie 3e him in hise vertues! herie 3e him bi¹ þe multitude of hise gretnesse!
 - 3 Herie 3e him in þe sown of trumpe! herie 3e him in a sautre & harp!
 - 4 Herie 3e him in tympan & queer²! herie 3e him in stryngis & orgun!
 - 5 Herie 3e him in cymbalis sownynge wel! herie 3e him in cymbalis of iubilacioun! [6] ech³ spirit, herie þe lord!
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem: O admirabile!

O, þou wondrousful chaunge! þe makere of mankynde, takynge a bodi wiþ a soule, of a maide vouchide-saaf be bore, & so, forþ-goyng man, wiþ-uten seed, 3af to us his god-hede.

[*Capitile*] *Maria virgo, semper letare.*

Marie, maide, euere be glade, þat disseruydist to bere crist, makere of heuene & of erþe; for of þi wombe þou brouȝtest forþ þe saueour of þe world. þanke we god!

Impnus: O gloriosa domina.

O þou ioieful womman, hiȝe aboue þe steris, him þat made þee of nouȝt, wiseliche þou 3af souke wiþ þin hooli tete. That sorie eue dide away, þou ȝeldist wiþ hooli fruyt. þou art maad wyndowe of heuene, þat soreful men entre as steris. Thou art wicket of þe hiȝ king, & þe greet ȝate of liȝt þat schyneþ briȝt. folkis raunsoned, reioice⁴ 3e [of] þe liyf ȝouun bi a maide.

Glorie be to þee, lord, þat art born of a maide, wiþ þe fadir & þe holigost, in-to þe world wiþ-uten ende. amen!

Vȝ God chees hir, & bifore chees hir;

[Rȝ] And he makip hir to dwelle in his tabernacle.

Benedictus dominus deus israel.

Blessid be þe lord god of israel! for he haȝ visitid & maad redempcioun of his puple.

¹ secundum

² choro

³ omnis

⁴ enjoy

- 69 And he haþ rerid¹ to us an horn of helpe, in þe hous of dauip,
his child :
- 70 As he spak bi þe mouþ of hise hooli profetis, þat weren fro þe
world² :
- 71 Helpe fro oure enemyes, & fro þe hond of alle men þat hatiden us :
- 72 To do merci wiþ oure fadris ; & to haue mynde of his holi testa-
ment ;
- 73 The greet oop³ þat he swore to abraham oure fadir ; to 3yue him-
silt to us,
- 74 That we wiþ-outen drede, delyuerid fro þe hond of oure enemyes,
serue to him,
- 75 In holynesse & ríztwísnesse bífóre him, in alle oure daies.
- 76 And þou, child, schalt be clepid þe prophete of þe hízeste ; for
þou schalt go bífóre þe face of þe lord, to make redi hise
weies.
- 77 To 3yue science of helpe⁴ to his puple, in-to remissioun of her
synnes ;
- 78 Bi þe inwardnesse⁵ of þe merci of oure god ; in þe which he,
sprýngynge vp fro an híz,⁶ haþ visitid us ;
- 79 To 3yue lízt to hem þat sitten in derknessis & in þe schadewe of
deep ; to dresse⁷ oure feet in-to þe weie of pees.
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem : [O gloriosa dei genitrix].

- O, þou glorious modir of god, euere maide marie, þat disseruedist
to bere þe lord of alle þingis ! and þou, maiden, alone to 3yue
souke to þe king of aungelis ! þou piteuous, we bisechen
þee, haue mynde of vs, & praie euer to crist for us, þat we,
holpen bi þi preieris, moun disserue to come to þe king-dom
of heuenes.
- Vy Lord god of vertues, conuerte us,
[Ry] And schewe vs þi face, & we schulen be saf.

Orisoun : concede nos !

Graunt us þi seruauantis, lord god, we preien þee, þat we moun
be ioieful euere-more in helpe of soule & of bodi ; &, þorouȝ
þe biseching of þe glorious, euerlastynge maide marie, we

¹ erexit ² a saeculo ³ iururandum ⁴ scientiam salutis
⁵ per viscera ⁶ oriens ex alto ⁷ ad dirigendos

moun be delyuerid of þis sorowe þat we han now ; and vse¹
fulliche þe ioie wiþ-outen ende ; bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi
sone, þat lyueþ & regneþ wiþ þee, in oonhede of god þe holi-
gost, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen !

Blesse we þe lord !

þanke we god !

Antem : *veni, sancte!*

Come, holigost ! fulfille þe hertes of þi trewe seruauantis, & liztne
þe fier of þi loue in hem !

[V] Sende out þi gost, & þei schulen be maad !

[R] And þou schalt make newe þe face of þe erþe.

Orisoun : *Deus, qui corda.*

GOd, þat tauztest þe hertes of þi trewe seruauantis bi liztnyng
of þe holi gost, graunte us to sauere ryztfulnesse in þe same
gost, & to be ioieful euere more of his hooli confort ; bi crist
oure lord. amen !

Antem : [*Libera nos*].

Blessid trinite, delyuere us, saue us, & iustifie us !

[V] Blessid be þe name of þe lord !

[R] from þis now & in-to þe world.

Orisoun : *Omnipotens, sempiterna!*

Almyzti, euerlastinge god, þat ȝauest us, þi seruauantis, in knou-
leching of trewe feiþ to knowe þe ioie of þe endeles trinite,
& in þe myzt of þe maieste to worship þe oonhede, we
bisechen, bi þe sadnesse² of þat selue bileue, we be kept &
defendid of alle aduersites, bi crist oure lord. amen !

Antem : [*Omnes sancti*].

Alle halewene of god þat ben felowes to þe citeseynes of heuene,
praie ȝe for us to oure lord !

[V] Ryztful men, be glade & bliþe in oure lord ;

[R] And make ȝe fulli ioie, alle þat ben of ryztful herte.

Orisoun : *Omnium sanctorum.*

We biseche þee, almyzti god, þat bi þe meritis of þi modir &
maide marie, & of alle halewene, we be defendid from alle
yuelis, so þat þorouȝ her preieris we moun lyue peisibli in þi
worship, bi crist oure lord. amen !

¹ possess, enjoy

² stedfastness

Antem: [Da pacem].

Lord! ȝyue vs pees in oure daies, for þer is noon þat fȝtȝ þ for us
but þou oure god;
Vȝ Lord, late pees be maad in þi vertu;
[Rȝ] And plente in þi touris.

Orisoun: deus a quo.

God, of whom ben hooli desiris, riȝtful counselis and iust
dedes, ȝyue to þi seruauantis þat pees þat þe world mai not
ȝyue, so þat oure hertes be ȝouun to kepe þin hestis, and
drede of oure enemyes be takun from vs, so þat oure tymes
be peisible in þi proteccioun, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi sone,
þat lyueþ wiþ þee, & regneþ god bi alle worldis of worldis.
amen!

Blesse we þe lord!
þanke we god!

Patris sapiencia.

The wisdom of þe fadir,
þe treuþe of þe hiȝ king,
God and man was takun
In þe morenyng.
Of hise knowun disciplis
Soone he was forsak;
Sold & put to peyne,
Mankynde saaf to make.

Vȝ We worschiþe þee, crist, & blesse to þee;
[Rȝ] ffor bi þi deef þou hast aȝenbouȝt þe world.

Orisoun: Domine ihesu criste!

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi
cros and þi deef, bitwixe þi iugement & oure soulis, now &
in our of oure deef; & vouche-saaf to ȝyue to lyuyng men
merci and grace in þis liyf here; and to hem þat ben deed,
forȝyuenesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees &
accord; & to us synful men, liyf & glorie wiþ-outen ende;
þou þat lyuest & regnest god bi alle worldis of worldis.
amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist, brynge vs to þe ioie
of paradis. amen!

Pater noster; Oure fadir [etc.].

[PRIME.]

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in to myn help!
 Lord, haste þou to helpe me!
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].
Alleluya! Preise 3e þe lord!

Impnus: veni creator.

Come, holigost, oure maker, visite þou þe þouȝtis of þi seru-
 auntis; & fulfille wiþ þi souereyn grace þe hertis þat þou
 hast maad! Haue mynde, þou makere of helpe, þat sum
 tyme þou took liknesse of oure bodi, & were borun of þe
 vnwemmed maide. Marie, ful of grace, modir of merci,
 defende us from oure enemy, & take us up in our of deef!
 Glorie be to þee, lord, þat art borun of a maide, wiþ þe fadir
 & þe holi gost, in euerlastyng worldis. amen!

[psalm 54¹]: *deus in nomine tuo.*

- 1 **G**od, in þi name make þou me saaf; & in vertu deme þou me!
 2 God, here þou my preier; wiþ eeris perseyue þou þe
 wordis of my moup!
 3 For aliens han rise aȝenes me, & stronge men souȝten my liyf; &
 þei settiden not god bifore her siȝt.
 4 For lo, god helpiþ me; & þe lord is vptakere of my soule.
 5 Turne þou away yuelis to myn enemyes; & lese þou hem in þi
 treuþe!
 6 Wilfuli y schal make sacrifice to þee; & lord, y schal knoueleche
 to þi name, for it is good;
 7 For þou delyueridist me fro alle tribulacioun; & myn iȝe dispiside
 on myn enemyes.
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [117²]: *laudate dominum.*

- 1 **A**lle heȝen men,³ herie 3e þe lord! alle puplis, herie 3e him!
 2 For his merci is confermed on vs; & þe treuþe of þe
 lord dwelliþ wiþ-outen ende.

¹ 53 Vulgate² 116 Vulgate³ gentes

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was [&c.].

psalm [118¹]: **Confitemini.**

- 1 **K**nouleche 3e² to þe lord, for he is good; for his merci is wiþ-
outen ende.³
- 2 Israel, seie now, for⁴ he is good; for his merci is wiþ-outen
ende.³
- 3 The hous of aaron, seie now, for he is good; for his merci is
wiþ-outen ende.
- 4 Thei þat dreden þe lord, seie now; for his merci is wiþ-outen
ende.
- 5 Of tribulacioun, y inwardli clepide⁵ þe lord; & þe lord herde me
in largenesse.⁶
- 6 The lord is an helpere to me; y schal not drede what a man
schal do to me.
- 7 The lord is an helpere to me; & y schal dispise myn enemyes.
- 8 It is betere⁷ for to triste in þe lord, þan for to triste in man.
- 9 It is betere for to hope in þe lord, þan for to hope in princis.
- 10 Alle folki⁸ cumpassiden me; & in þe name of þe lord it befelde,⁸
for y am avengid on hem.
- 11 Thei cumpassyng, cumpassiden me: in þe name of þe lord, for y
am avengid on hem.
- 12 Thei cumpassiden me as bees; & þei brenten out⁹ as fier dop
among þornes; & in þe name of þe lord, for y am avengid
on hem.
- 13 I was hurtlid & turned vp so doun,¹⁰ þat y schulde falle doun;
& þe lord took me up.
- 14 The lord is my strengþe & myn heryng¹¹; & he is maad to me
in-to heelpþe.
- 15 The vois of ful out-ioiyng¹² and of heelpþe, be in þe tabernaclis of
iust men!
- 16 The riȝt hond of þe lord haþ do vertu; þe riȝt hond of þe lord
enhauside me; þe riȝt hond of þe lord haþ do vertu.
- 17 I schal not die, but y schal lyue; & y schal telle þe werkis of þe
lord.

¹ 117 Vulgate ² Confitemini ³ in saeculum ⁴ quoniam

⁵ De tribulatione invocavi ⁶ latitudine ⁷ Bonum

⁸ et in nomine Domini ⁹ exarserunt ¹⁰ Impulsus eversus sum

¹¹ laus ¹² Vox exultationis

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- 18 The lord, chastisyng, haþ chastisid me; and he ȝaf not me to deep.
- 19 Opene ȝe to me þe ȝatis of riȝtfulnesse; & y schal entre bi þo; & y schal knoueleche to þe lord. [20] þis ȝate is of þe lord, & iust men schulen entre bi it.
- 21 I schal knoueleche to þee, for þou herdist me, & art maad to me in-to heelp.
- 22 The stoon whiche bileris repreueden, þis is maad in-to þe heed of þe corner.
- 23 This þing is maad¹ of þe lord, & it is wondrousful bifore oure ȝen.
- 24 This is þe dai which þe lord made; make we ful out ioie, & be glade þer-inne.
- 25 A, lord, make þou me saaf! a, lord, make þou wel prosperite! [26] blessid is he þat comeþ in þe name of þe lord!
- We blessiden ȝou of þe hous of þe lord; [27] god is lord, & haþ ȝoue liȝt to vs.
- Ordeyne ȝe a solemne dai in þicke pupilis,² til to þe horn of þe auter.
- 28 Thou art my god, & y knoueleche³ to þee; þou art my god, & y schal enhauce þee.
- I schal knoueleche³ to þee, for þou herdist me; and þou art maad to me in-to heelp.
- 29 Knoueleche ȝe to þe lord, for he is good; for his merci is wiþ-oute ende.
- glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
- As it was in þe beginning [&c.].

Antem: [O admirabile].

O þou wondrousful chaunge! þe makere of mankynde, takynge a bodi wiþ a soule, of a maide vouchide saaf be bore, & so, forþ goynge man, wiþ-oute seed, ȝaf to us his god-hede.

Capitile: [In omnibus requiem].

In alle þingis y souȝte reste; and in þe eritage of þe lord y schal dwelle. þanne þe makere of alle þingis seide to me; & he þat made me restide in my tabernacle. þanke we god!

[Vȝ] Hail, marie, ful of grace! þe lord is wiþ þee.

[Rȝ] hail, marie, ful of grace! þe lord is wiþ þee.

[Vȝ] Blessid be þou among wymmen, and blessid be þe fruyt of þi wombe!

¹ factum est istud ² condensis ³ confitebor

[R̃] þe lord is wiþ þee.

[V] Glorie be to þe fadir, and to þe sone, and to þe hooli goost!

[R̃] Hail, marie, ful of grace! þe lord is wiþ þee.

[V] Hooli modir of god, euere maide marie,

[R̃] Preie for us to oure lord god!

Orisoun: Concede nos.

Graunte us, þi seruauentis, lord god, we preien þee, þat we moun be ioieful euere more in heelp̃e of soule & of bodi; & þorouȝ þe biseching of þe glorious euerlastinge maide marie, we moun be delyuerid of þis sorewe þat we han now, & vse fulliche þe ioie wiþ-uten ende, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi sone, þat lyueþ & regneþ wiþ þee, in oonhed of god þe holigost, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

Blesse we þe lord!

þanke we god!

Hora prima.

Ihesu, at oure of pryme,

Was led to fore pilat;

Wiþ false witnessyng

Michel accused for hate;

Buffetid; hise hondis weren boundun;

þei spat̃en in his face;

þus þei biseien foule,

Oure lord, king of grace.

Vy We worschipe þee, crist, & blesse to þee;

[R̃] Ffor bi þi deep þou hast aȝenbouȝt þe world.

Orisoun: Domine ihesu christe!

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi cros & þi deep, bitwixe þi iugement & oure soulis, now & in our of oure deep; & vouche saf to ȝyue to lyuyng̃e men, merci & grace in þis liyf here; & to hem þat ben deed, for-ȝyuenesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees & acoord; & to us synful men, liyf & glorie wiþ-uten ende; þou þat lyuest and regnest god, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist, brynge us to þe ioie of paradis. amen!

Pater noster; Our fadir [&c.].

[TIERCE.]

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in to myn help!
 Lord, haste þou to helpe me!
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].
 Alleluya! Preise 3e þe lord!

Impnus: Veni, creator spiritus!

Come, holi gost, oure makere! visite þou þe þouztis of þi ser-
 uauntis, & fulfille wiþ þi souereyn grace þe hertis þat þou
 hast maad. Haue mynde, þou makere of heelpe, þat sum
 tyme þou took liknesse of oure bodi, & were borun of þe
 vnwemmed maide. Marie, ful of grace, modir of merci,
 defende us from oure enemy, and take us vp in our of deef!
 Glorie be to þee, lord, þat were born of a maide, wiþ þe fadir
 & þe hooli goost, in wor[ld]dis wiþ-oute ende. amen!

psalm [120¹]: ad dominum cum tribularer.

- 1 **W**hanne y was set in tribulacioun,² y criede to þe lord, &
 [he] herde me.
- 2 Lord, delyuere þou my soule fro wickid lippis, & fro a gileful
 tunge.
- 3 What schal be 3ouun to þee, eþer what schal be leid to þee, to a
 gileful tunge?
- Scharpe arowis of þe myzti; wiþ colis þat maken desolat.
- 4 Allas to me! for my dwellyng³ in an alien lond is maad longe. y
 dwellide wiþ men dwellynge in cedar: [5] my soule was
 myche a comelyng.⁴
- 6 Y was peisible wiþ hem þat hatiden pees. whan y spak to hem,
 þei azenseiden⁵ me wiþ-oute cause.
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [121⁶]: Lenui oculos.

- 1 **I**reiside myn igen to hillis, fro whennes help schal come to me.
- 2 Myn help is of þe lord, þat made heuene & erþe.
- 3 The lord 3yue not þi foot in-to mouyng; neþer he napp⁷ þat
 kep⁸ þee!

¹ 119 Vulgate ² tribularer ³ incolatus meus⁴ *incola*, alien, stranger: 'homelyng,' native.⁵ *inpugnabant* ⁶ 120 Vulgate ⁷ dormitet

[V] Glorie be to þe fadir & to þe hooli goost!

[R] Hooli modir of god, euere maide marie,

[V] Aftir þi child-beryng þou leftist¹ maide wiþ-uten wem.

[R] Modir of god, preie for us!

Orisoun : *concede nos.*

Graunte us, þi seruantis, lord god, we preien þee, þat we mai be ioieful euere more in heelp̃e of soule & of bodi; & þorouȝ þo hiseching of þe glorious euerlastinge maide marie, we moun be deliuerid of þis sorewe þat we han now, & vse fulliche þe ioie wiþ-uten ende, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi sone, þat lyueþ & regneþ wiþ þee in oonhede of god þe holi goost, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

Blesse we þe lord!

þanke we god!

[Crucifige clamitant.]

At vndren þe false iewis

Crieden *with* hiȝ vois,

“Delyuere vs baraban,

And do þis on þe cros!”

A scharp coroun of þornes

þei diden on his heed;

And dide him bere his cros.

þere he schulde be deed.

V We worschipe þee, crist, & blesse to þee;

[R] Ffor bi þi deep þou hast aȝenbouȝt þe world.

Orisoun : *Domine ihesu criste!*

Lord ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi cros & þi deep, bitwixe þi iugement & oure soulis, nowe & in our of oure deep; and vouche-saf to ȝyue to lyuynge men, merci & grace in þis liyf here; & to hem þat ben deed, forȝyuenesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees & a-coord; and to us synful men, liyf & glorie *with*-uten ende; þou þat lyuest and regnest god bi alle worldis. amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist, brynge us to þe ioie of paradis. amen!

pater noster : Oure fadir þat art [&c.].

¹ remainedst

[SEXT.]

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in-to myn help!
 Lord, haste þou to helpe me!
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].
 Alleluya! Preise 3e þe lord!

Impnus: veni creator!

Come, holi goost, oure makere, visite þou þe þouztes of þi
 seruauntis, & fulfille wiþ þi souereyn grace þe hertes þat
 þou hast maad! Haue þou mynde, þou makere of helpe, þat
 sum tyme þou took liknesse of oure bodi, & were born of þe
 vnwemmed maide. Marie, ful of grace, modir of merci,
 defende us from oure enemy, and take us up in our [of]
 deef! Glorie be to þee, lord, þat were borun of a maide, wiþ
 þe fadir & þe holi goost, in worldis wiþ-outen ende! amen!

psalm [123¹]: *Ad te leuani oculos meos.*

- 1 **T**o þee y haue reisid myn iȝen, þat dwellist in heuenes.
 2 Lo, as þe iȝen of þe seruauntis ben in þe hond of her
 lordis!
 As þe iȝen of þe hand-maide ben in þe handis of hir ladi; so oure
 iȝen be to oure lord god, til he haue merci on us.
 3 Lord, haue þou merci on us! haue þou merci on us! for we ben
 myche fillid wiþ dispisyng;
 4 For oure soule is myche fillid; we ben maad schenschip² to hem
 þat ben habundaunt wiþ richessis, and dispisyng to proude
 men.

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

psalm [124³]: *Nisi quia dominus.*

- 1 **I**srael, seie now, but for⁴ þe lord was in us; but for⁵ þe lord
 was in us;
 Whanne men risiden aȝenes us, [2] in hap⁵ þei swolewid us al
 quyk.
 Whanne þe woodnes of hem was wroop aȝenes us; [3] in hap⁶
 watir hadde sopun us up.⁶

¹ 122 Vulgate.² opprobrium³ 123 Vulgate⁴ nisi quia⁵ forte⁶ absorbuisset nos

Oure soule passide þorouȝ a stronde ; [4] in hap oure soule hadde
passid þorouȝ a watir vnsuffrable.

5 Blessid be þe lord, þat ȝaf not us in taking to þe teep of hem !

6 Oure soule, as a sparewe, is delyuerid fro þe snare of hunteris.
The snare is brokun ; & we ben delyuerid.

7 Oure help is in þe name of þe lord, þat made heuene & erþe.

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

[Ps. 125¹] : **Qui confidunt.**

1 **T**hei þat tristen in þe lord, ben as þe hil of sion : he schal not
be moued wiþ-uten ende, þat dwellip [2] in ierusalem.

Hillis ben in þe cumpas² of it ; & þe lord is in þe cumpas² of his
puple, fro þis tyme, now, & in to þe world.³

3 For þe lord schal not leue þe ȝerde⁴ of synneris on þe part⁵ of
iust men ; þat iust men holde not forþ her hondis to wickid-
nesse.

4 Lord, do þou wel to good men, & of riȝtful herte !

5 But þe lord schal lede hem þat [bowen] in-to obligaciouns,⁶ wiþ
hem þat worchen wickidnesse : pees be on israel !

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem: [Rubum quem].

Bi þe buysch þat moises siȝ vnbrent, we knowen þat þi preisable
maidenhede is kept. modir of god, preie for us !

Capitile: Et sic in sion.

And so in sion y was fastned ; and in an halewid citee also y
restide, & in ierusalem my power. þanke we god !

[V̇] Aftir þi child bering, þou leftist maide wiþ-uten wem.

[Ṙ] Aftir þi child beryng, þou leftist maide wiþ uten wem.

[V̇] Modir of god, preie for us !

[Ṙ] þou leftest maide wiþ-uten wem.

[V̇] Glorie be to þe fadir, & to þe sone, & to þe holigost !

[Ṙ] Aftir þi child-beryng, þou leftist maide wiþ-uten wem.

[V̇] þou art maad faire & softe

[Ṙ] In þi delicis, hooli modir of god.

¹ 124 Vulgate ² circuitu ³ saeculum ⁴ virgam ⁵ super sortem

⁶ Declinantes autem in obligationes.

Orisoun: Concede nos.

Graunte us þi seruautis, lord god, we preien þee, þat we moun be ioieful euer-more in heelp of soule & of bodi; and þorouȝ þe biseching of þe glorious euerlastyng maide marie; we mai be delyuerid of þis screwe þat we han now, & vse fulliche þe ioie wiþ-uten ende, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi sone, þat lyueþ wiþ þee, & regneþ in oonhed of god þe holigost, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

Blesse we þe lord!

þanke we god!

[Hora sexta.]

At myddai, oure lord ihesu

Was nailed on þe rode,

Bitwixe twey þeeues hangid;

His bodi ran al on blood.

Hym þirstide for peyne;

þei ȝauen him drynke galle.

Al þis peyne he suffride,

Ffro deef to bie us alle.

Vy We worschipe þee, crist, & blesse to þee,

[Ry] Ffor bi þi deef þou hast aȝen bouȝt þe world.

Domine ihesu criste!

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi cros & þi deef, bitwixe þi iugement & oure soulis, now & in our of oure deef; and vouche saaf to ȝyue to lyuynge men, merci & grace in þis lyif here; & to hem þat ben deed, for-ȝyuenesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees & acoord; & to us synful men, liyf & glorie wiþ-uten ende; þou þat lyuest & regnest, god, bi alle worldis of worldis, amen!

þe glorious passioun [of] oure lord ihesu crist, brynge us to þe ioie of paradys! amen!

Pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

[NONE.]

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in to myn help!
Lord, haste þou to helpe me!
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

þorouȝ þe biſechyng of þe glorious euerlaſtyng maide marie,
we moun be delyuerid of þis ſorewe þat we han now, & vse
fulliche þe ioie wiþ-oute ende, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi
sone, þat lyueþ wiþ þee, & regneþ in onhede of god þe holi
goſt, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

Blesse we þe lord!

þanke we god!

Hora nona.

At noon diede oure lord ihesu,
þat was of myȝtes moost;
He criede 'heli' to his fadir,
And so he lefte his gooste.
A ſpere in to his ſide
Was þrillid of a kniȝt;
And þanne þe erþe quakede;
þe ſunne wiþ-drowe his liȝt.

Vy We worſchipe þee, crist, & blesse to þee,
[Ry] Ffor bi þi deep þou haſt aȝenbouȝt þe world.

Orisoun: Domine ihesu criste!

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi
cros & þi deep, bitwixe þi iugement & oure ſoulis, now &
[in] our of oure deep; and vouche ſaaf to ȝyue to lyuyng
men, merci & grace in þis liyf here; & to hem þat ben deed,
foryȝuenesse & reſte; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees &
acoord; & to us ſynful men, liyf & glorie wiþ-oute ende:
þou þat lyueſt & regneſt god, bi alle worldis of worldis.
amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist, brynge us to þe ioie
of paradis! amen!

Pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

HERE BIGYNNEP EUESONG.

Deus in adiutorium.

GOd, biholde þou in to myn help!
Lord, haſte þou to helpe me!
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].
Alleluya! Preiſe ȝe þe lord!

Psalmes.

- ¹[Ps. 122.] **Letatus sum in hiis**: I am glade in þese þingis [&c].
 [Ps. 123.] **Ad te leuauī oculos**: To þee y haue rei [&c].
 [Ps. 124.] **Nisi quia dominus erat**: But for þe lord was [&c].
 [Ps. 125.] **Qui confidunt in domino**: Thei þat tristen in þe [&c].
 [Ps. 126.] **In conuertendo dominus**: Whanne þe lord turned
 [&c].

Antem: [Post partum].

Aftir þi child-berynge, þou leftist maide wiþ-uten wem. modir
 of god, preie for us!

Capitule: **Beata es, virgo.**

Blessid art þou, maide marie, þat bar oure lord; þou brouȝtist
 forþ þe makere of þe world, þat made þee; & þou bileuest²
 maide wiþ-uten ende. þanke we god!

Impnus: **Aue maris stella, dei mater!**

Hail, sterre of þe see, holi modir of god! and þou, euer maide,
 holi ȝate of heuene, Takyng þat word 'hail' of gabrielis
 mouþ, sette us alle in pees! chaungynge þe name of eue,
 Louse þe bondis of gilti men! profere liȝt to blynde men;
 do awey oure yuelis, & axe alle goodis! Schewe þat þou art
 oure modir! take he, bi þee, oure preier, þat for us was
 bore, & suffride to be þi sone! Maide, þou art aloon deboner
 among us alle! make us vnbounde of synnes, & be chast &
 deboner! ȝyue us clene liyf; make redi a siker weie, so þat
 we, seyng god, be glade euer more! Preisyng be to god
 þe fadir; worschip to þe hiȝeste crist, & to þe hooli gost;
 oon worschip to hem þre. amen!

Vy Grace is ȝouun in þi lippis;

[Ry] þerfor god haþ blessid þee wiþ-uten ende.

psalm: **Magnificat.**

- 46 **M**i soule magniefiþ þe lord;
 47 And my spirit haþ gladid in god, myn heelp;
 48 For he haþ biholde þe mekenesse of [his] hand maidun³; for lo,
 of þis alle generaciouns schulen seiþ þat y am blessid.
 49 For he þat is myȝti haþ don to me grete þingis; & his name is hooli.
 50 And his merci is fro [kynrede into] kynredis⁴ to men þat dreden
 him.

¹ All these are one earlier in the Vulgate.

² remainest

³ ancillae suae

⁴ a progenie in

30 I. *Hours of the Blessed Virgin.*—7. *Evensong.*

51 He made myzt in his arme; he scateride proude men wiþ þe þouzt¹ of his herte.

52 He sette doun² myzti men fro sete, & enhaunside meke men.

53 He haþ fulfillid hungry men wiþ goodis; & he haþ lefte riche men voide.

54 He, hauynge mynde of his merci, took up³ israel, his child.

55 As he haþ spekun to oure fadris; to abraham & to his seed in-to þe worldis.⁴

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem: [*Sancta maria, succurre.*]

Seynte marie, socoure wrecchis; helpe feerful, and refresche þe soreful! Preie for þe puple; bide for þe clergie; biseche for deuoute wommanes-kynde!

Vy Lord, schewe us þi mercy,

[Ry] And ȝyue us þin heelp!

[Orisoun]: *concede nos.*

Graunte us þi seruautis, lord god, we preien þee, þat we moun be ioieful euer more in heelp of soule & of bodi; & þourour þe biseching of þe glorious euerlastynge maide marie, we moun be delyuerid of þis sorewe þat we han now, & vse fullliche þe ioie wiþ-uten ende, bi oure lord ihesu crist, þi sone, þat lyueþ & regneþ wiþ þee in oonhede of god þe holi gost, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

Blesse we þe lord!

þanke we god!

[De cruce deponitur.]

Fro cros, crist was takun doun

At euesong tyme, we fynde;

Power of resureccioun

Was hid in goddis mynde.

þe medicyn of liyf, bi storie,

Took siþthe deef out of toun.

Allas! þe coroun of glorie

Was þus cast vpsedoun.

Vy We worschipe þee, crist, and blesse to þee;

[Ry] Ffor bi þi deef þou hast aȝenbouzt þe world.

¹ mente

² Deposuit

³ suscepit

⁴ in saccula

Orisoun: Domine ihesu criste.

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuen, sette þi passioun, þi cros & þi deep, bitwixe þi iugement & our soulis, now & in our of oure deep; & vouche saaf to ȝyue to lyuyng men, merci & grace in þis liyf here; & to hem þat ben deed, for-ȝyuenesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees & acoord; & to us synfu[1] men, liyf & glorie wip-outen ende; þou þat lyuest & regnest god, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist brynge us to þe ioie of paradis! amen!

pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

HERE BIGYNNEP COMPLYN.

[V] God, oure helpe, conuerte þou us,

[R] And turne away þin ire from vs!

GOd, biholde þou in-to myn help!

Lord, haste þou to helpe me!

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Alleluya! Preise ȝe þe lord!

psalm [13¹]: **vsquequo.**

1 **L**Ord, hou longe forȝitest þou me in-to þe ende? hou longe turnest þou a-wey þi face fro me?

2 Hou longe schal y sette counsel in my soule? sorewe in myn herte bi dai?

Hou longe schal myn enemy be reisid on² me? [3] my lord god, biholde þou, & here þou me!

Liztne þou myn ȝen, lest ony tyme y slepe in deep; [4] lest ony tyme myn enemy seie 'y hadde þe maistri aȝenes him.'

Thei þat trublen me schule haue ioie if y schal be stired; [5] forsope y hopide in þi merci.

³ Myn herte schal fulli haue ioie in þin helpe; [6] y schal synge to þe lord þat ȝyueþ goodis to me; & y schal seie salm⁴ to þe name of þe hiȝeste lord.

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

¹ 12 Vulgate

² super

³ MS. has O

⁴ psallam

[*psalm 43*¹]: **Iudica me, deus.**

- 1 **G**od, deme þou me, & departe² þou my cause fro a folk not hooli! delyuere þou me fro a wickid man & gileful!
- 2 For þou art god, my strengþe. whi hast þou put me abak³? & whi go y soreuful, while þe enemy turmentip me?
- 3 Sende out þi lizt & þi treuþe! þo⁴ ledde me forþ & brouzten in-to þin holi hil, & in-to þi tabernacle.
- 4 And y schal entre to þe auter of god, to god þat gladip my zougþe. God, my god, y schall knouleche to þee in an harp. [5] my soule, whi art þou sorie; & whi trublist þou me?
- 6 Hope þou in god; for zit y schal knouleche to him; he is þe heelp of my chere, and my god.
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe biginning [&c.].

[*psalm 129*⁵]: **Sepe expugnauerunt.**

- 1 **I**srael, seie now: 'ofte þei fouzten azenes me fro my zougþe;
- 2 Ofte þei fouzten azenes me fro my zougþe; & soþeli þei myzten⁶ not to me;
- 3 Synneris forgiden⁷ on my bak; þei maden longe⁸ her wickidnesse.'
- 4 The iust lord schal bete þe nollis⁹ of synneris.
- 5 alle þat haten sion be schent & turned abak!
- 6 Be þei maad as þe hey of hous-coppis,¹⁰ þat driede up bifore þat it be drawun up¹¹; [7] of which hey, he þat schal repe, schal not fille his hond; & he þat gedere handfuls, schal not fille his bosum.
- 8 And þei þat passiden forþ,¹² seiden not, 'þe blessing of þe lord be wiþ þou! we blessiden þou in þe name of þe lord.'
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in [&c.].

psalm [131¹³]: **Domine non est.**

- 1 **L**Ord, myn herte is not enhauzsid,¹⁴ neþer myn izen ben reisid.
2 Neþer y zede in grete þingis, neþer in meruelis aboue me.
- 3 If y felide not mekeli, but enhauzside my soule.
As a child wened on his modir, so zelding¹⁵ be in my soule!
- 4 Israel, hope in þe lord, fro þis tyme now, and in-to þe world!

³ repulisti	⁴ ipsa	⁵ 128 Vulgate	⁶ potuerunt	⁷ fabricaverunt
⁸ prolongaverunt	⁹ cervices	¹⁰ tectorum	¹¹ evellatur	
¹² praeteribant	¹³ 130 Vulgate	¹⁴ exaltatum	¹⁵ retributio	

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was [&c.].

Antem : [*Cum iocunditate.*]

Wiþ gladnesse, halewe we þe mynde of blessid marie, þat sche
preie for us to oure lord ihesu crist.

[Capitile : *Sicut cynamomum.*]

As canel & bawme swete smellynge, y 3af odour; as tried
myrrre, y 3af swetnesse of smelling. þanke we god!

Impnus : *virgo singularis.*

Maide, þou art aloon deboner among alle! make us unbounde
of synnes, & be chast & deboner. 3yue us clene liyf.
make redi a siker weie, so þat we, seynge god, be glade
euere more. Preisying be to god þe fadir; worship to þe
hiȝeste crist & to þe holigost; oon worschip to hem þre!
amen!

Vy God chees hir, & bifore chees hir;

[Ry] And he makij hir to dwelle in his tabernacle.

psalm : *Nunc dimitis seruum tuum, domine.*

29 **N**ow, lord, þou leuest þi seruaunt : aftir þi word, in pees;

30 For myn izen han seyn þin helpe,

31 Which þou hast maad redi to-fore þe face of alle puplis.

32 Liȝt and¹ reuelacioun of heȝen men, & glorie to þi puple israel.

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

Antem : [*Glorificamus te.*]

We glorifien þee, modir of god, for of þee is crist borun. make
saaf alle men þat glorifien þee.

Vy Lord god of vertues, conuerte us.

[Ry] And schewe þi face, & we schulen be saaf.

Oracio : *Gratiam tuam quesumus.*

Lord, we biseche þee, sende þi grace in-to oure hertis, þat we,
bi þe message of þe aungel, knowe þe incarnacioun of þi
sone crist, and be brouȝt bi his passioun to þe glorie of his
resureccioun; bi þe silf ihesu crist, þi sone, oure lord; þat
wiþ þee lyueþ & regneþ in oonhede of god þe holigost, bi alle
worldis of worldis. amen!

¹ ad

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[*Hora completorii.*]

At our of comepeilyn
 þei leiden hym in graue,
 þe noble bodi of ihesu,
 þat mankynde schal saue.
 With spicerie he was biried,
 Hooli writ to fulfille.
 þenke we sadli on his deef;
 þat schal saue us from helle.

V7 We worschipe þee, crist, & blesse to þee.

[R7] Ffor bi þi deef þou hast azenbouzt¹ þe world.

Oracio: Domine ihesu criste.

LOrd ihesu crist, goddis sone of heuene, sette þi passioun, þi cros & þi deef bitwixe þi iugement and oure soulis, now & in oure of oure deef; and vouche-saf to 3yue to lyuyng men, merci & grace in þis liyf here; & to hem þat ben deed, for3y[ue]nesse & reste; to þe chirche & to þe rewme, pees & acord; and to us synful men, liyf & glorie wiþ-outen ende; þou þat lyuest & regnest god, bi alle worldis of worldis. amen!

þe glorious passioun of oure lord ihesu crist brynge vs to þe ioie of paradis! amen!

pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

[*Antem*]: *Salve regina!*

Hail, quene, modir of merci, oure liyf, oure swetnesse & oure hope, hail! to þee we crien, exiled sones of eue; to þee we sizen, gronyng in þis valey of teeris; þer-for turne to vsward þi merciful izen, & schewe to us ihesu, þe blessid fruyt of þi wombe, aftir þat we ben passid hennes. O þou deboner, O þou meke, O þou swete maide marie, hail!

Hail, marie, ful of grace! þe lord is wiþ þee. blessid be þou among wyme[n], & blessid be þe fruyt of þi wombe, ihesus! amen!

[*Orisoun*]: *Omnipotens sempiterne.*

Almighti endeles god, þat art worching wiþ þe holi gost, wondurfulli þou madist redi þe bodi & þe soule of þe moost

¹ MS. azen azenbouzt

blessid modir & [maide] marie, to disserue to be maad a
worpi wonyng for ji sone. graunte þat we be delyuerid, bi
hir meke preier, of yuelis þat we han now, and of sudeyn
deep and endeles, bi crist oure lord. amen!

[Antem]: Aue regina celorum!

Hail, quene of heuenes, modir of þe king of aungelis! O
marie, flour of virgines, as þe rose or þe lillie, make
preiers to þi sone, for þe helpe of alle cristen men!
Hail, marie, ful of grace! [&c.].

Orisoun : Mer[i]tis & preci[bus].

Bi þe meritis & preieris of his meke modir, blesse us þe sone
of god þe fadir! amen!

psalm [130¹]: De profundis.

- 1 **L** Ord, y criede to þee fro deppis ; lord, here þou my vois !
2 Thyne eeris be maad ententif in-to þe vois of my biseching !
3 Lord, if þou kepist² wickidnessis, lord, who schal susteyne ?
4 For merci³ is at þee ; and, lord, for þi lawe y abode⁴ þee.
5 Mi soule susteynede in his word ; [6] my soule hopide in þe lord.
Fro þe moruntide keping⁵ til to þe nyȝt ; [7] israel, hope in þe lord !
For whi,⁶ merci is at þe lord ; & plenteuous redempcioun is
at⁷ him ;
8 And he schal aȝenbie israel fro alle wickidnessis þer-of.
Lord, haue merci of us !
Crist, haue merci of us !
Lord, haue merci of us !
pater noster : Oure fadir [&c.].
[V] And lede us not in-to temptacioun,
[R] But delyuere us from yuel.
[V] Endeles reste, ȝyue hem, lord ;
[R] And euerlastinge liȝt, liȝtne to hem !
[V] From þe ȝate of helle,
[R] Lord, delyuere her soulis !
[V] I bileue to se þe goodis of þe lord.
[R] In þe lond of lyuynges.
[V] Lord, here my preier,
[R] And my cry come to þee !

¹ 129 Vulgate. MS. De profundus ² observaveris ³ propitiatio
⁴ sustinui ⁵ custodia ⁶ quia ⁷ apud

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[Oracio: Fidelium deus.]

L Ord, þat art maker & azenbier of alle feiþful men, ȝyue þou,
& graunte, remissioun & forȝyuenesse of alle synnes, to þe
souls of alle feiþful men þat ben deed, so þat þei mowe
haue þe forȝyuenesse þat þei euere desirede; bi crist, oure
lord. amen!

[V_g] Reste þei in pees!

[R_g] Amen!

Here enden matyns, euesong, and compelyn.

& HE[RE] BIGYNNEN ÞE SEUENE SALMES.

[I.] *psalm* [6]: *Domine, ne in furore.*

- 1 **L** Ord, repreue þou not [me] in þi stronge veniaunce¹; neþer chastise² þou me in þin ire!
 - 2 Lord, haue þou merci on me, for y am siyk! lord, make þou me hool,³ for alle my bones ben trublid.
 - 3 And my soule is trublid gretli; but þou, lord, hou longe?
 - 4 Lord, be þou conuertid, & delyuere my soule! make þou me saaf, for þi merci!
 - 5 For noon is in deef which is myndeful of þee; but in helle, who schal knoueleche to þee?
 - 6 I trauelide⁴ in my weilyng; y schal wasche⁵ my bed bi ech nigt; y schal moiste⁶ my bedstre⁶ wiþ my teeria.
 - 7 Myn iþe is disturblid of woodnesse⁷; y wexe elde among alle myn enemyes.
 - 8 Alle ȝe þat worchen wickidnesse, departe fro me; for þe lord haþ herd þe vois of my wepyng.
 - 9 The lord haþ herde my bisechyng; þe lord haþ resseyued my preier.
 - 10 Alle myn enemyes be aschamed, and be disturblid gretli: be þei turned to-gider, & be þei aschamed full swifteli!
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe biginning [&c.].

[II.] *psalm* [32⁸]: *Beati quorum.*

- 1 **B**lessid ben þe,⁹ whose wickidnessis ben forȝouun, & whos synnes ben hilid.
- 2 Blessid is þe man to whom þe lord arettid¹⁰ not synne; neþer gile is in his spirit.
- 3 For y was stille¹¹; my bones wexiden ekde, while y criede al dai.
- 4 For bi dai & nigt þin hond was maad greuous¹² on me; y am turned in my wrecchidnesse, while þe þorn is set in.¹³

¹ in furore ² corripas ³ sana me ⁴ Laboravi ⁵ moist repeated in MS.
⁶ lectum ⁷ a furore ⁸ 31 Vulgate. ⁹ Beati ¹⁰ imputavit
¹¹ tacui ¹² gravata est ¹³ configitur

- 5 I made my synne knowun to þee; & y hidde not myn vnriȝtfulnesse.
- 6 I seide, 'y schal knoueleche aȝenes me myn vnriȝtfulnesse to þee, lord';¹ & þou hast forȝouun þe wickidnesse of my synne.
- 7 For þis þing, ech hooli man schal preie to þee in couenable² tyme. Nepeles, in þe greet flood of many watris, þo schulen not neize to þee.
- 8 Thou art maad my refuyt fro tribulacioun þat cumpasside me; þou, my fulli ioiynge,³ delyuere me fro hem þat cumpassen me!
- 9 I schal ȝyue vnderstonding to þee, & schal teche þee in þis weie in which þou schalt go; y schal make stidefast myn iȝen on þee.
- 10 Nile ȝe⁴ be maad as an hors & mule, to whiche⁵ is noon vnderstanding?
- Lord, constreyne þou þe chekis of hem wiþ a bernacle & bridel,⁶ þat neizen⁷ not to þee.
- 11 Many betyngis ben of þe synner; but merci schal cumpasse him þat hopiþ in þe lord.
- 12 Ȝe iust men, be glad, & make fulli ioie⁸; and alle ȝe riȝtful men of herte, haue glorie!
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
- As it was in þe biginning [&c.].

[III.] *psalm* [38^o]: *Domine, ne in furore.*

- 1 **L**Ord, repreue þou not me in þi stronge vengeance¹⁰; neþer chastise þou me in þin ire!
- 2 For þyne arowis ben ficchid in me, & þou hast confermed þin hond on me.
- 3 Noon helpe is in my flesh, fro þe face of þin ire; no pees is to my bones, fro þe face¹¹ of my synnes.
- 4 For my wickidnessis ben gon ouer myn heed as an heuy birþun; þo ben maad greuouse on me.
- 5 Myn heelid woundis weren rotun, & ben brokun,¹² for þe face of myn vnwisdom.
- 6 I am maad a wrecche, and y am bowid doun¹³ til in-to þe ende; al dai y entride soreful;

¹ *injustitiam meam Domine* ² *opportuno* ³ *exultatio mea* ⁴ *Nolite*
⁵ *quibus* ⁶ *In campo et freno* ⁷ *approximant* ⁸ *exultate*
⁹ 37 Vulgate. ¹⁰ *in furore* ¹¹ *a facie*
¹² *Putruerunt et corruptae sunt cicatrices meae* ¹³ *curvatus*

- 7 For my leendis ben fillid wiþ scornyngeis, and heelp is not in my flesch.
- 8 I am turmentid, & maad lowe ful gretli; y roride for þe weilyng of myn herte.
- 9 Lord! al my desir is bifore þee; & my weilyng is not hid fro þee.
- 10 Myn herte is disturblið in me; my vertu forsook me; and þe liȝt of myn iȝen, & it is not wiþ me.
- 11 Mi frendis & my neiȝboris neiȝiden & stoden aȝenes me,
- 12 And þei þat weren bisidis¹ me stoden a-fer; & þei diden violence þat souȝten my liyf.
- And þei þat souȝten yuelis to me, spaken vanitees, & pouȝten gilis al dai.
- 13 But y, as a deaf man, herde not; & as a dumble man not openyng his mouþ.
- 14 And y am maad as a man not herynge, & not hauynge repreuyngis in his mouþ.
- 15 For, lord, y hopide in þee; my lord god, þou schalt here me.
- 16 For y seide, 'lest eny tyme myn enemyes haue ioie on me,' & þe while my feet ben moued, þei spaken greet þingis on me.
- 17 For y am redi to betingis²; & my sorewe is euere in my siȝt.
- 18 For y schal telle my wickidnesse; and y schal þenke³ for my synne.
- 19 But myn enemyes lyuen, & ben confermyd on me; & þei ben multiplið þat haten me wickidli.
- 20 Thei þat ȝelden yuelis for goodis, bacbitiden me, for y suede goodnesse.
- 21 Mi lord god, forsake þou not me! go þou not away fro me!
- 22 Lord god of myn helpe, biholde þou in-to⁴ myn help!
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
- As it was in þe bigynning [&c.].

[IV.] *psalm* [51⁶]: **Miserere mei, deus!**

- 1 **G**od, haue þou merci on me! bi⁶ þi greet merci,
And bi⁶ þe mychelnesse of þi merciful doyngis, do þou away my wickidnes!
- 2 More,⁷ waische þou me fro my wickidnesse, and clense me fro my synne!
- 3 For y knowleche my wickidnes; & my synne is euere aȝenes me.

¹ juxta ² ego in flagella paratus sum ³ cogitabo ⁴ Intende in
⁵ 50 Vulgate. ⁶⁻⁸ secundum ⁷ Amplius

- 4 I haue synned to þee aloon; & y haue don yuel bifore þee, þat þou be iustified in þi wordis, & ouercome whan þou art demed.
- 5 For, lo! y was conseyued in wickidnessis; and my modir conseyuede me in synnes.
- 6 For, lo! þou louedist treuþe; þou hast schewid me þe vnserteyn þingis & pryue þingis¹ of þi wisdom.
- 7 Lord! sprynge² þou me wiþ isope, & y schal be clensid; waische þou me, & y schal be maad whiyt more þan snowe.
- 8 Ȝyue þou ioie & gladnesse to myn heryng; & bones maad meke schulen ful out make ioie.³
- 9 Turne awei þi face fro my synnes; & do a-wey alle my wickidnessis!
- 10 God! make þou a clene herte in me; & make þou newe a riȝtful spirit in myn entrailes.
- 11 Caste þou not me away fro þi face; & take þou not fro me þin hooli spirit!
- 12 Ȝyue þou⁴ to me þe gladnesse of þin helpe; & conferme þou me with þe principal spirit!
- 13 I schal teche wickid men þi weies, & vnfeipful men schulen be conuertid to þee.
- 14 God! þe god of myn helpe! delyuere þou me fro bloodis, & my tunge schal ioiefuli synge⁵ þi riȝtfulnesse.
- 15 Lord! opene þou my lippis, & [my] mouþ⁶ schal telle þi preis yng.
- 16 For if þou haddist wolde sacrifice, y hadde ȝoue: treuli þou schalt not delite in brent sacrificis.
- 17 Sacrifice to god is a spirit trublid⁷: god! þou schalt not dispise a contrit herte, & maad meke.
- 18 Lord! do þou benyngneli in þi good wille to sion; þat þe wallis of ierusalem be bildid.
- 19 Thanne þou schalt take plesauntli⁸ þe sacrifice of riȝtfulnesse, offringis & brent sacrificis; þanne þei schulen putte calues on þin auter.
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnynge [&c.].

¹ occulta² Asperges
⁶ os meum.³ exultabunt
⁷ humiliatum⁴ Redde
⁸ exultabit
⁵ acceptabis

[V.] *psalm* [102¹]: *Domine, exaudi!*

- 1 **L** Ord, here þou my preier; and my cry come to þee!
 2 Turne not away þi face fro me! in what euer dai y am
 trublid, bowe down þin eere to me!
 In what euer dai y schal inwardli clepe þee, here þou me swifteli!
- 3 For my daies han failid as smoke; & my bones drieden up as
 critouns.²
- 4 I am smytun as hey, & myn herte driede up; for y haue forȝite
 my breed.
- 5 Of þe vois of my weilyng, my boon cleuyde to my flesch.
- 6 I am maad lyk a pellican of wildirnesse; y am maad as a nyȝt-
 crowe in an hous.
- 7 I wakide,³ and y am maad as a solitarie sparewe in þe roof.
- 8 Al dai myn enemyes dispiseden me; and þei þat preisiden me,
 sworen aȝenes me.
- 9 For y eet aischis as brede, and y medlid my drynk wiþ weping,
- 10 Fro þe face of þe ire of þin indignacioun; for þou reisinge me,
 hast hurtlid me down.
- 11 Mi daies bowiden away as schadewe; & y wexide drie as hey.
- 12 But, lord, þou dwellest wiþ-uten ende; & þi memorial in genera-
 cioun, & in-to generacioun.
- 13 Lord! þou, risynge up, schal haue merci on sion; for þe tyme to
 haue merci þer-of comeþ; for þe tyme comeþ.
- 14 For þe stones þer-of plesiden þi seruauantis; & þei schulen haue
 merci on þe lond þer-of.
- 15 And, lord, heþen men schulen drede þi name; & alle kingis of
 erþe schulen drede þi glorie.
- 16 For þe lord haþ bildid sion; and he schal be seyn in his glorie.
- 17 He bihede on þe preier of meke men; and he dispisede not þe
 preier of hem.
- 18 Be þese þingis writun in a-nopir generacioun; & þe puple þat
 schal be maad, schal preise þe lord.
- 19 For he bihelde fro his hiȝ holi place; þe lord lokide fro heuene
 in-to erþe,
- 20 For to here þe weilyngis of feterid men,⁴ and for to vnbynde þe
 sones of slayn men;
- 21 That þei telle in sion þe name of þe lord; and his preisyng in
 ierusalem,

¹ 101 Vulgate.

² cremium

³ Vigilavi

⁴ gemitus compeditorum

- 22 In gaderyng to-gidere pupilis in to oon, and kingis, þat þei serue þe lord.
- 23 It aunsweride to him¹ in þe weie of his vertu : telle þou to me þe fewnesse of my daies !
- 24 Aȝenlepe þou not me in þe myddil of my daies ; þi ȝeeris ben in generacioun, and in-to generacioun.
- 25 Lord ! þou foundidist þe erþe in þe biginnyng ; & heuenes ben þe werkis of þin hondis.
- 26 Tho² schulen perische, but þou dwellist parfitli ; & alle schulen wexe eld as a cloþ.
- 27 And þou schalt chaunge hem as an hilyng,³ & þo schulen be chaungid ; but þou art þe same þi silf, & þi ȝeeris schulen not faile.
- 28 The sones of þi seruauntis schulen dwelle ; & þe seed of hem schal be dressid in-to þe world.
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe beginning [&c.].

[VI.] *psalm* [130⁴] : *De profundis.*

- 1 **L** Ord ! y criede to þee fro deppis ; lord, here þou my vois !
2 Thyne eeris be maad ententif in-to þe vois of my biseching !
- 3 Lord, if þou kepist wickidnessis ; lord, who schal susteyne ?
- 4 For merci is at þee ; &, lord, for þi lawe y abode þee.
- 5 Mi soule susteynede in his word ; [6] my soule hopide in þe lord.
Fro þe morwetid keping til to þe niȝt, [7] israel, hope in þe lord !
For whi, merci is at þe lord ; & plenteuouse redempcioun is at him.
- 8 And he schal aȝenbie israel fro alle þe wickidnessis⁵ þerof.
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe biginnige [&c.].

[VII.] *psalm* [143⁶] : *Domine exaudi.*

- 1 **L** Ord, here þou my preier ; wiþ eeris perseyue þou my biseching ; in þi treuþe, here þou me in þi riȝtfulnesse !
- 2 And entre þou not in-to doom wiþ þi seruaunt ; for ech man lyuyng schal not be maad iust in þi siȝt.
- 3 For þe enemy persuede⁷ my soule ; he made lowe my liyf in erþe ;

¹ Respondit ei ² Ipsi ³ opertorium ⁴ 129 Vulgate. MS. De profundus
⁵ iniquitatibus ⁶ 142 Vulgate. ⁷ persecutus est

He hap set me in derk placis, as þe deed men of þe world. [4]
and my spirit was aunguyschid¹ on me; myn herte was disturblid in me.

5 I was myndeful of elde daies; y biþouȝte in alle þi werkis; y
biþouȝte in þe dedis of þin hondis.

6 I helde forþ myn hondis to þee; my soule as erþe wiþout watir
to þee.

7 Lord, here þou me swifteli; my spirit failide.

Turne þou not away þi face fro me; & y schal be liyk to hem þat
gon doun in to þe lake.

8 Make þou eerli þi merci herd to me, for y hopide in þee.

Make þou knowun to me þe weie in which y schal go; for y
reiside my soule to þee.

9 Delyuere þou me fro myn enemyes! lord! y fledde to þee.

[10] teche þou me to do þi wille; for þou art my god.

Thi good spirit schal lede me forþ in-to a riȝtful lond. [11] lord!
for þi name, þou schalt quykene me in þin equityte;

Thou schalt lede my soule out [of]² tribulacioun; [12] & in þi
name þou schalt scatere alle myn enemyes;

And þou schalt lese alle hem þat truben my soule, for y am þi
seruaunt.

Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].

As it was in þe biginninge [&c.].

¹ *anxiatus est*

² *de*

HERE BEGINNEN ÞE FIFTENE SALMES.

- [I. Ps. 120.¹] **Ad dominum cum tribularer:** Whanne y was
set [etc.].
- [II. Ps. 121.] **Leuani oculos me[os]:** I reiseide myn igen [etc.].
- [III. Ps. 122.] **Letatus sum in hiis:** I am glade in þese [etc.].
- [IV. Ps. 123.] **Ad te leuani oculos:** To þee y haue reiseide [etc.].
- [V. Ps. 124.] **Nisi quia dominus:** Israel, seie now [etc.].
- [VI. Ps. 125.] **Qui confidunt in domino:** Thei þat tristen in þe
lord [etc.].
- [VII. Ps. 126.] **In conuertendo dominus:** Whanne þe lord
turnede [etc.].
- [VIII. Ps. 127.] **Nisi dominus edificauerit:** But if þe lord
bilde [etc.].
- [IX. Ps. 128.] **Beati omnes qui:** Blessid ben alle [etc.].
- [X. Ps. 129.] **Sepe expugna[uerunt]:** Israel, seie now [etc.].
- [XI. Ps. 130.] **De profundus:** Lord, y criede to þee [etc.].
- [XII. Ps. 131.] **Domine non est:** Lord, myn herte is not [etc.].
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnyng [&c.].

[XIII.] *psalm* [132²]: **Memento, domine, dauid.**

- 1 **L** Ord, haue þou mynde on dauid, & of al his myldenesse;
2 As he swoor to þe lord, he made a vowe to god of
iacob:
- 3 I schal not entre in to þe tabernacle of myn hous; y schal not
stie in to þe bed of my restyng;
- 4 I schal not 3yue sleep to myn igen, & napping³ to myn ize-liddis,
& reste to my templis, [5] til y fynde a place to þe lord,
a tabernacle to god of iacob.
- 6 Lo! we herden þat ark of testament in effrata; we founden it in
þe feldis of wode.

¹ All these numbers are one earlier in the Vulgate.² 131 Vulgate.³ dormitationem

- 7 We schulen entre in-to þe tabernacle [of] him,¹ we schulen wor-
schipe [in] þe place² where hise feet stoden.
- 8 Lord! rise þou in-to þi rest; þou & þe ark of þin halewyng.
- 9 Thi prestis be cloped wiþ riȝtfulnesse; & þi seyntis make ³ful out
ioie in ful out ioiying³
- 10 For dauþ þi seruauþ, turne not away þe face of þi crist.
- 11 The lord swoor treuþe to dauþ; & he schal not make him veyn:
[12] 'of þe fruyt of þi wombe y schal sette on þi seete.
- 13 'If þi sones schulen kepe my testament, & my witnessingis, þese
whiche y schal teche hem;
'And þe sones of hem til in-to þe world, þei schulen sit on þi
seete.'
- 14 For þe lord chees sion; he chees [it]⁴ in-to dwelling to himsilf:
- 15 'This is my reste in-to þe world of world; y schal dwelle here,
for y chees it.
- 16 'I, blessyng, schal blesse þe widewe of it; y schal fille wiþ loues
þe pore men of it;
- 17 'I schal cloþe wiþ heelpþe þe prestis þer-of; & þe holi men þer-of
⁵schulen make ful out-ioie in ful out-ioiying.⁵
- 18 'Thidur y schal bryng forþ þe horn of dauþ; y made redi a
lanterne to my crist.
- 19 'I schal cloþe hise enemyes wiþ schame; but myn halewyng
schal floure out⁶ on him.'
- Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe bigynnyng[e] [&c.].

[XIV.] *psalm* [133⁷]: *Ecce, quam bonum.*

- 1 **L**O, hou good & hou merie it is, þat briþeren dwelle to-gidere
in oon!
- 2 As oynement in þe heed, þat goiþ down to þe beard, in-to þe beard
of aaron,
That goiþ down in-to þe coler of his cloiþ; [3] as þe dewe of
hermon þat [goiþ] douz⁸ in-to þe hil of sion.
- 4 For þere þe lord sente blessyng, & liyf in-to þe world.
Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
As it was in þe biginning [&c.].

¹ ejus ² in loco ³⁻³ exultent ⁴ elegit eam
⁵⁻⁵ exultatione exultabunt ⁶ effloreat ⁷ 132 Vulgate.
⁸ descendit

[XV.] *psalm* [134¹]: *Ecce nunc.*

- 1 **L** O, now, blesse ȝe þe lord ; alle þe seruauntis of þe lord !
 2 ȝe þat stonden in þe hous of þe lord ; in þe forȝerdis of
 þe hous of oure god.
 3 In niȝtis, reise ȝe ȝoure hondis in-to holi þingis, & blesse ȝe
 þe lord !
 4 The lord blesse þee fro sion ; which lord made heuene & erþe.
 Glorie be to þe fadir [&c.].
 As it was in þe bigynnyng[e] [&c.].

Here enden þe fiftene salmes.

¹ 133 Vulgate.

AND HERE BIGYNNEP þE LETANIE.

Antem: [Ne reminiscaris].

LOrd! haue þou no mynde of oure giltis, neþer of oure kynred; ne take no veniaunce of oure synnes, for þi name, lord! spare, lord, spare to þe puple, þat wiþ þi preciouſe blood bouztest þe world aȝen! be not wroop to us wiþ-outen ende!

Lord, haue merci of us!

Crist, haue merci of us!

Lord, haue merci of us!

Crist, here us!

God, fadir of heuene, haue merci of us!

God þe sone, þat bouztest þe world, haue merci of us!

God þe holi gost, haue merci of us!

Holi trinite, oon god, haue merci of us!

Seynt Marie,

preie for us!

Holi modir of god,

preie for us!

Holi virgyn of virginis,

preie for us!

Seynt Michael,

preie for us!

Seynt gabriel,

preie for us!

Seynt raphael,

preie for us!

Alle holi aungelis & arcaungels,

preie 3e for us!

Alle ordriſ of holi spiritis,

preie 3e for us!

Seynt loon batist,

preie for us!

Alle holi patriarkis & profetis,

preie 3e for us!

Seynt petre,

preie for us!

Seynt poul,

preie for us!

Seynt andreu,

preie for us!

Seynt loon,

preie for us!

Seynt philippe,

preie for us!

Seynt iames,

preie for us!

Seynt bartolomeu,

preie for us!

[illegible]

Seynt leonard,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt gilis,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt dunston,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Alle holi confessours,	<i>preie 3e for us !</i>
Seynt marie maudelen,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt marie egipcian,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt agace,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt agneis,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt Lucie,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt kateryne,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt Margarete,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt Iulian,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt cristyne,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt peronel,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt radegounde,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Seynt freswide,	<i>preie for us !</i>
Alle holi virgynes,	<i>preie 3e for us !</i>
Alle maner seyntis,	<i>preie 3e for us !</i>

Lord, be good-liche, & spare us !
 From alle yuelis ; lord, delyuere us !
 From alle temptacions of þe deuel ; lord, delyuere us !
 From endeles dampnacion ; lord, deliuere us !
 From vnclennesse of bodi & soule ; lord, delyuer us !
 From þe spirit of leccherie ; lord, delyuere us !
 From wrappe, & hate, & al yuel wille ; lord, delyuere us !
 From vnclene þouztis ; lord, deliuere us !
 Be þin incarnacioun ; lord, deliuere us !
 Bi þi passioun ; lord, delyuere vs !
 Bi þi resurreccioun ; lord, delyuere us !
 Bi þin assencion ; lord, delyuere us !
 Bi þe grace of þe holigost ; lord, delyuere us !
 In þe dai of doom ; lord, deliuer us !
 We synful preien þee to here us !
 That þou 3yue us pees ; we preien þee to here us !
 That þi merci & þi pitee kepe us ; we preien þee to here us !
 That þou gouerne & kepe þi chirche ; we preien þee to here us !
 That þou 3yue pees to oure kingis & princis ; we preien þee to
 here us !
 That þou kepe oure bischopis in holi religioun ; we preien þee to
 here us !

That þou kepe alle cristen soulis from endeles dampnacioun; we
preien þee to here us!

That þou vouchesaaf to ȝyue us fruytis of þe erþe; we preien
þee to here us!

Lombe of god, þat doist away synnes of þe world; haue mer[ci]
of us & ȝyue us pees!

Crist, here us!

Lord, haue merci of vs!

Crist, haue merci of us!

Lord, haue merci of us!

Pater noster [&c.].

And lede us not in-to temptacioun,

But delyuere us from yuel. amen!

And þi merci come vpon us, lord;

Thyn heelp, aftir þi speche!

Be to us, lord, a tour of strengþe

Fro þe face [of] oure enemy!

Pees be maad in þi vertu!

And plente in þi toures!

Lord god of vertues, conuerte us,

& schewe þi face, & we schulen be saaf.

Oracio: deus cui proprium.

God! to whom it is propriid to be merciful euere, & to spare,
take oure preier, & late þe merci of þi pitee assoile hem
þat ben boundun wip þe cheyne of synnes, bi crist, oure lord.
amen!

[Oracio]: Ecclesie tue.

Lord! be þou plesid wip þe preieris [of] þi chirche, & graunte
þat alle errors & aduercitees be distried, bi crist, oure lord.
amen!

[Oracio]: Vre, igne sancti spiritus!

Lord! we biseche þee þat þou brenne oure lendis & oure
herte wip þe fire of þe holigoost, þat we mowe serue to þee
wip chast bodi, & plesse to þee wip clene herte; bi crist, oure
lord. amen!

[Oracio]: Omnipotens sempiternus!

Almyzti god wip-uten ende, þat art endeles helpe of alle þat
bileuen in þee, here oure preier for alle men & wymmen,

for whiche we bisechen to þi goodnesse; & graunte hem helpe of bodi & soule, so þat whanne þei ben hool, þei moun zelde þankyngis to þee in þi chirche; bi crist, oure lord. amen!

[*Oracio*]: *Pietate tua quesumus, d[omine]*.

FOr þi pitee, lord, we biseche þee vnbynde þe bondis of¹ alle oure synnes; And þorouȝ þe preier of þe glorious euerlastyng maide marie, wiȝ alle þi seyntis; kepe us þi seruauntis, & oure king, & alle cristen puple, in alle holynesse; & alle þat bi kynred of blood, or bi homelynesse, or bi preier, be oned wiȝ us, clense hem of alle vices, & liȝtne hem wiȝ vertues! pees & helpe ȝyue to us; & putte from us oure enemyes, boȝe þo þat we sen & þo þat we moun not se. ȝyue þi charite to oure frendes & to oure enemyes; & helpe to alle siyk; & to alle cristen, quyke & deed, graunte liyf & endeles reste, bi crist, oure lord. amen.

Here endiȝ þe letanie.

¹ MS. of of.

**AND HERE BIGYNNEP PLACEBO [OR VESPER OF
THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD].**

psalm [116¹]: *Dilexi quoniam.*

- 1 **I** louede þe lord ; for þe lord schal here þe vois of my preier.
 2 For he bowide doun his eere to me ; & ²y schal inwardli
 clepe him² in my daies.
- 3 The sorewis of deef cumpassiden me ; and þe perelis of helle
 founden me.
- 4 I foond tribulacioun & sorewe ; & ³y clepide inwardli³ þe name
 of þe lord :
 ‘Thou, lord, delyuere my soule!’ [5] þe lord is merciful & iust ;
 & oure god doiþ merci.⁴
- 6 And þe lord kepþ litil children ; y was mekid, & he delyueride me.
- 7 Mi soule, turne þou in-to þi reste, for þe lord haþ do wele to þee ;
- 8 For he haþ delyuerid my soule fro deef, myn iȝen fro wepingis,
 my feet fro fallynge doun.
- 9 I schal plesse þe lord in þe cuntre of hem þat lyuen.⁵
Antem : I schal plesse þe lord in þe cuntre of hem þat lyuen.

psalm [120⁶: *Ad*] *dominum cum tribularer.*

- 1 **W**hanne y was set in tribulacioun, y criede to þe lord, and
 he herde me.
- 2 Lord, delyuere þou my soule fro wickid lippis, & fro a gileful
 tunge !
- 3 What schal be ȝouun to þee, eþer what schal be leid to þee, to a
 gileful tunge ?
 Scharpe arowis of þe myȝti, wiþ colis þat maken desolat.
- 4 Allas to me ! for my dwellyng in an alien lond is drawe alonge⁷ ;
 y dwellide with men dwellynge in cedar ; [5] my soule was
 myche a comelyng.⁸

¹ 114 Vulgate. ²⁻³ invocabo ³⁻⁵ invocavi ⁴ miseretur
⁵ in regione vivorum ⁶ 119 Vulgate. ⁷ prolongatus est
⁸ incola

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6 I was peisible wiþ hem þat hatiden pees. whanne y spak to hem,
þei azenseiden me wiþouten cause.¹

Antem: Woo is me! for my dwelling is drawe alonge.

psalm [121²]: **Leuani oculos.**

1 I reiseide myn igen to þe hillis, fro whennes help schal come to me.
2 Myn help is of þe lord, þat made heuene & erþe.
3 The lord ȝyue not þi foot in-to mouyng; neþer he nappe³ þat
kepiþ þee!
4 Lo, he schal not nappe, neþer slepe,⁴ þat kepiþ israel.
5 The lord kepiþ þee; þe lord is þi proteccioun aboue þi riȝt hond.
6 The sunne schal not breȝne þee bi dai, neþer þe moone bi nyȝt.
7 The lord kepe þee from al yuel! þe lord kepe þi soule!
8 The lord kepe þi goyng in & þi goyng out, from þis tyme now, &
in-to þe world!

Antem: The lord ke[pe] þee from al yuel! þe lord kepe þi soule!

psalm [130⁵]: **De profundis.**⁶

1 **L** Ord, y criede to þee from deppis; lord, here þou my vois!
2 Thyne eeris be maad ententif, in-to þe vois of my
bisechyng.
3 Lord! if þou kepist wickidnessis; lord! who schal susteyne?
4 For merci⁷ is at þee; &, lord, for þi lawe y abode þee.
5 Mi soule susteynede in his word; [6] my soule hopide in þe lord.
Fro þe moruntide keping til to þe niȝt, [7] israel, hope in þe lord!
For whi, merci⁸ is at þe lord; & plenteuouse redempcioun is
at him.
8 And he schal aȝenbie israel, fro alle þe wickidnessis þer-of.⁹

Antem: Lord! if þou kepist wickidnessis; lord! who schal
susteyne?

psalm [138¹⁰]: **Confitebor.**

1 **L** Ord, y schal knoueleche to þee in al myn herte, for þou
herdist þe wordis of my moup.
Mi god, y schal synge to þee in þe siȝt of aungelis; [2] y schal
worschiþe to þin hooli temple, and y schal knoueleche to þi
name,

¹ impugnabant me gratis ² 120 Vulgate. ³ dormitet
⁴ dormitabit neque dormiet ⁵ 129 Vulgate. ⁶ profundus MS.
⁷ propitiatio ⁸ misericordia ⁹ ejus ¹⁰ 137 Vulgate.

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On þi mercy & þi treuþe; for þou hast magnified þin holi name
aboue al þing.

3 In what-euer day y schal inwardli clepe þee, here þou me! þou
schalt multiplie vertu in my soule.

4 Lord! alle þe kyngis of erþe knoueleche to þee, for þei herden alle
þe wordis of þi mouth.

5 And synge þei in þe weies of þe lord, for þe glorie of þe lord is
greete.

6 For þe lord is hiȝ, & biholdiþ meke þingis, & knoweþ afer hiȝ
þingis.¹

7 If y schal go in þe myddis of tribulacioun, þou schalt quykene
me; & þou strecchidist forþ þin hond on² þe ire of myn
enemies, & þi riȝthond made me saaf.

8 The lord schal ȝelde for me. lord! þi merci is wiþouten ende³;
dispise þou not þe werkes of þin hondis.

Antem: Lord! dispise þou not þe werkis of þin hondis.

psalm: Magnificat.

46 **M**i soule magniefiþ þe lord;

47 And my spirit haþ gladid in god, myn helpe.⁴

48 For he haþ biholde þe mekenesse of his hond-maidun; for, lo, of
þis,⁵ alle generaciouns schulen seie þat y am blessid.⁶

49 For he þat is myȝti haþ don to me grete þingis; & his name
is holi.

50 And his merci is fro kynredis in to kynredis,⁷ to men that
dreden him.

51 He made myȝt in his arm; he scateride proude men with þe
pouȝt⁸ of his herte.

52 He sette doun myȝti men fro seete; & enhaunside meke men.

53 He haþ fulfillid hungri men wiþ goodis; & he haþ lefte riche
men voide.

54 He, haunyng mynde of his merci, took up israel, his child.

55 As he haþ spokun to oure fadris; to abraham & to his seed in-to
þe worldis.

Antem: I herde a vois from heuen seiynge, 'blessid ben deed
men þat dien in þe lord.'

Vȝ Ffrom þe ȝate of helle,

[Rȝ] Lord, delyuere her soulis!

¹ humilia . . et alta a longe. ² super ³ in saeculum ⁴ salutari
⁵ ex hoc ⁶ MS. bles blessid ⁷ a progenie in progenies ⁸ mente

Lord, haue merci of us !

Crist, haue merci of us !

Lord, haue merci of us !

Pater noster : Oure fadir [&c.].

psalm [146¹]: **Lauda, anima mea.**

1 **M**i soule, herie þou þe lord ! y schal herie þe lord in my liyf ;
y schal synge² to my god as longe as y schal be.

2 Nile 3e³ triste in princis, neþer in þe sounes of men, in whiche is
noon heelp.

3 The spirit of him schal go out, & he schal turne aȝen in-to his
erþe : in þat dai alle þe þouȝtis of hem schulen perische.

4 He is blessid, of whom þe god of iacob is his helpe ; his hope is
in his lord god, [5] þat made heuene & erþe, þe see, & alle
þingis þat ben in þo.⁴

Which kepith treuþe in to þe world ; [6] makeþ doom to hem
þat suffren wronge ; ȝyueþ mete to hem þat ben hungry.

7 The lord vnbyndith feterid men ; þe lord liȝtneþ blynde men.

8 The lord reisith men hurtlid down⁵ ; þe lord loueþ iust men.

9 The lord kepith comelyngis⁶ ; he schal take up a modirles child⁷
& a widewe ; and he schal distrie þe weies of synneris.

10 [The lord schal regne in to þe worldes ; þe god of syon in alle
generaciouns & in to generacioun.]

V7 Endeles reste, ȝyue hem lord,

[R7] And euerlastynge liȝt liȝtne to hem !

[V7] From þe ȝate of helle,

[R7] Lord, delyuere her soulis !

[V7] I bileue to se þe goodis of þe lord

[R7] In þe lond of lyuynges men.

[V7] Lord, here þou my preier,

[R7] And my cry come to þee !

Orisoun : **Inclina, domine.**

Lord ! bowe þou þin eere to oure preieris, wiþ which we
biseche loweliche þi merci ; þat þou sette þe soulis of þi
seruauntis, hope of men & wymmen, þat þou hast comaundid
to passe out of þis world, in þe cuntre of pees and of liȝt ; &
comaunde þat þei be felowis of þin halewene ; bi crist, oure
lord. amen !

¹ 145 Vulgate.

² psallam
⁶ advenas

³ Nolite

⁴ eis

⁵ erigit elisos

⁷ pupillum

ffor fadir and modir: Deus, qui patrem & matrem.

God, þat comaundid us to worschipe fadir & modir, haue merci of þe soulis of my fadir & of my modir, and forþyue hem alle her synnes; & make us to lyue wiþ hem in þe bliasse wiþ-outen ende. amen!

ffor a cor present: Deus, cui proprium.

God, to whom it is *proprid* to haue merci & to spare euer more, loweliche we biseche þee þat þou set þe soule of þi seruaunt, which þou hast comaundid to dai to passe out of þis world, be not take in-to þe hondis of oure enemy; ne forþite it not in-to þe ende, but comaunde it to be takun up of holi aungelis, & to be ladde in-to þe cuntre of lif, so for þat he hopide & bileuede in þee. late him disserue to be euer glade in þe cumpeny of þin halewene. amen!

ffor a soul in mynde dai: Deus, indulgenciarum.

Lord god of forþyuenesse, graunte þou to þe soule of þi seruaunt, whos 3eris mynde we maken to dai, a seete of refreschinge blisse of reste & clerene of liȝt. amen!

HERE BIGIVNEÞ DIRIGE.

[FIRST NOCTURN.]

psalm [5]: *verba mea.*

- 1 **L**ord, parseyue þou my words wiþ eeris! vndurstonde þou my cry!
- 2 Mi king & my god! ȝyue þou tent to þe vois of my preier!
For, lord, y schal preie to þee; [3] here þou eerli¹ my vois!
Eerli¹ y schal stonde nyȝ þee, & y schal se, [4] for þou art god not willinge wickidnesse.
Neþer an yuel-willid man² schal dwelle bisidis þee; [5] neþer vniust men schulen dwelle bifore þin ȝen.
Thou hatist alle þat worchen wickidnesse; [6] þou schalt lese alle þat speken lesyng.

¹ mane

² malignus

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- The lord schal holde abhominable, a manuellere & gileful man.
 7 But, lord, in þe multitude of þi merci, y schal entre in-to þin
 hous; y schal worschipe þee at þin hooli temple in þi drede.¹
 8 Lord, lede þou forþ me in þi riȝtfulnesse; for² myn enemyes,
 dresse þou my weie in þi siȝt!³
 9 For whi, treuþe is not in her mouþ; her herte is veyn.
 10 Her þrote is an opyn sepulcre; þei diden gilefuli wiþ her tungis:
 god, [11] deme þou hem!
 Falle þei doun fro her þouȝtis; up þe multitude of her wickid-
 nessis, caste þou hem doun; for, lord, þei han terrið þee
 to ire.⁴
 12 And alle þat hopen in þee be glade; þei schulen make fulli ioie
 wiþ-outen ende; & þou schalt dwelle in hem,
 And alle þat louen þi name schulen haue glorie in þee; [13] for
 þou schalt blesse a iust man.
 Lord! þou crowned us, as wiþ þe schelde of þi good wille.
Antem: Mi lord god, dresse þou my weie in þi siȝt!

psalm [6]: **Domine, ne in furore tuo.**

- 1 **L**ord, repreue þou not me in þi stronge veniaunce,⁵ neþer
 chastise þou me in þin ire.
 2 Lord, haue þou merci on me, for y am siyk! lord, make þou me
 hool; for alle my bones ben trublid!
 3 And my soule is trublid greetli; but þou, lord, hou longe?
 4 Lord, be þou conuertid, & delyuere my soule! make þou me saaf,
 for⁶ þi merci!
 5 For noon is in deef which⁷ is myndeful of þee; but in helle,
 who shal knoueleche to þee?
 6 I trauelide⁸ in my weilyng; y schal wasche my bed bi ech
 nyȝt; y schal moiste my bed-stree⁹ wiþ my teeris.
 7 Myn iȝe is disturblid of woodnesse¹⁰; y wexe elde among alle
 myne enemyes.
 8 Alle ȝe þat worchen wickidnesse, departe fro me; for þe lord haþ
 herd þa vois of my weping.
 9 The lord haþ herd my bisechyng; þe lord haþ resseyued my
 preier.

¹ timore tuo ² propter ³ Verse 8 is repeated in the MS.
⁴ irritaverunt te ⁵ ne in furore tuo arguas me ⁶ propter ⁷ qui
⁸ Laboravi ⁹ stratum ¹⁰ a furore

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10 Alle myn enemyes be aschamed¹ & be disturblid gretli: be þei turned to gidere; & be þei aschamed¹ ful swifteli!

Antem: Lord, be þou conuertid, & delyuere my soule; for þer is no man in deef þat medefuli haþ mynde of þee.

[*psalm 7*]: *Domine deus meus! in te speraui.*

1 **M**i lord god, y haue hopid in þee; make þou me saaf fro alle men þat pursuen me; & delyuere þou me!

2 Lest eny tyme he, as a lioun, rauysche my soule, þe while non is þat azenbieþ, neþer to make saaf.²

3 Mi lord god, if y dide þis þing³; if wickidnesse is in myn hondis,

4 If y ȝeldide to men ȝeldinge⁴ to me yueles, falle y, bi disseruynge, voide⁵ fro myn enemyes.

5 Myn enemy pursue⁶ my soule, and take; & defoule my liyf in erþe, & brynge my glorie in-to dust.

6 Lord! rise þou up in þin ire; & be þou reisid in þe coostis⁷ of myn enemyes;

And, my lord god, rise þou up in þe comaundement which þou hast comaundid; [7] & þe synagoge of puplis schal cum-passe⁸ þee.

And for þis, go þou azen an hiȝ. [8] þe lord demeþ puplis.

Lord! deme þou me bi my riȝtfulnes, & bi myn innocense on me.

9-10 The wickidnesse of synneris be endid⁹; & þou, god, sekyng þe hertis & reynes, schalt dresse¹⁰ a iust man.

11 Mi iust help is of þe lord, þat makip saaf riȝtful men in herte.

12 The lord is a iust iuge, strong, & pacient; wher he is wroþ bi alle daies!¹¹

13 If ȝe ben not conuertid, he schal florische his sward; he haþ bent his bouwe, & maad it redi.

14 And þer-in he haþ made redi vessels¹² of deef; he haþ fulli maad redi his arowis wiþ breȝnyng þingis.

15 Lo, he haþ conseyued sorewe; he peynfulli brouȝte forþ vnriȝtfulnesse, & childe¹³ wickidnesse.

16 He openyde a lake, & diggide it out; & he felde¹⁴ in-to þe diche which he made.

¹ Erubescant ² neque qui saluum faciat ³ istud

⁴ reddidi retribuētibus ⁵ inanis ⁶ Persequatur ⁷ finibus

⁸ circumdabit ⁹ Consumetur ¹⁰ diriges

¹¹ numquid irascitur per singulos dies ¹² vasa ¹³ peperit ¹⁴ incidit

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17 His sorewe schal be turned in-to his heed¹; & his wickidnesse schal come down in-to his necke.

18 I schal knouleche to þe lord bi² his riȝtfulnesse; and y schal syng to þe name of þe hiȝeste lord.

Antem: Lest eny tyme he take my soule as a lioun, whiles þer is noon to aȝenbie, neþer to make saf.

Vȝ Ffrom þe ȝate of helle,

[Rȝ] Lord, delyuere her soulis!

Pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

leccio .1^a. Parce michi, domine! [Job vii. 16—21.]

16 **L**Ord, spare þou me, for my daies ben not³! [17] what is man, for þou magnest him? eþer what settest þou þin herte towardis him? [18] þou visitist him eerli; and sodeynli þou preuest him. [19] hou longe sparest þou not me, neþer suffrest⁴ þat y swolewe my spotele? [20] y haue synned, o þou keper of men, what shal y do to þee? whi hast þou set me contrarie to þee? & y am maad greuouse⁵ to my silf? [21] whi doist þou not away⁶ my synne? & whi takest þou not a-wey⁷ my wickidnesse? lo, now, y slepe in poudur; and if þou sekest me eerli, y schal not abide.⁸

Rȝ I bileue⁹ þat myn aȝenbier lyueþ; & y schal rise out of þe erþe in þe laste dai¹⁰; & in my flesche y schal se god, my sauour.

Vȝ Whom y my silf schal se, beyng not anopir,¹¹ & myn iȝen schulen biholde him.

[Repet] And in my fleisch, y schal see god, my saueour.

Leccio ii^a: Tedet animam. [Job x. 1—7.]

1 **I**t anoieþ my soule of my lyif; y schal lette¹² my speche aȝenes me, y schal speke in þe bitterness of my soule. [2] y schal seie to god, 'nyle¹³ þou condempne me; schewe þou to me whi þou demest me so. [3] wheþer it semeþ good to þee, if þou falseli chalengist & oppressist me, þe werk of þin hondis, & if þou helpe þe counseil of wickid men.¹⁴ [4] wheþer

¹ caput ² Confitebor Domino secundum ³ nihil ⁴ dimittis me

⁵ gravis ⁶ non tollis ⁷ non aufers ⁸ subeistam ⁹ Scio

¹⁰ et in novissimo die de terra surrecturus sum; et rursum circumdabor pelle mea. ¹¹ et non alius ¹² dimittam ¹³ Noli ¹⁴ impiorum

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fleischli iȝen ben to þee? eȝer as a man seeþ, also þou schalt
se? [5] wheþer þi daies ben as þe daies of man; & þi ȝeeris
ben as mannes tymes, [6] þat þou enquere my wickidnesse,
& enserche¹ my synne, [7] & wite þat y haue do no wickid
þing, siþen no man ia, þat mai delyuere fro þyn hond?

Ry Thou þat reisidist aȝen stynkyng laȝer fro his graue; þou,
lord, graunte hem reste & places of forȝyuenesse!

Vy Thou þat art to come to deme þe quyke & þe dede, & þe
world bi fier!

[Repet] Thou, lord, graunte hem reste, & place of forȝyuenesse!

leccio iij^a: *Manus tue.* [Job x. 8—12.]

8 **T**hyne hondis maden me, & han formed me al in cumpas²; &
þou castist me doun so sodeynli! [9] y biseche þee haue
þou mynde þat þou madist me of cley, & schalt bryng me
aȝen in-to poudur. [10] wheþer þou hast not softid³ me as
mylk; and hast cruddid me to-gideres⁴ as chese? [11] þou
hast clopid me wiþ skyn & flesch; & þou hast ioyned me
to-gideres wiþ bones & synewes. [12] þou hast ȝoue liyf and
merci to me; & þi visitacioun haþ kept⁵ my spirit.

Ry Lord, whanne þou schalt come to deme þe erþe, where schal
y hide me fro þe face of þi wrapþe? for y haue synned ful
myche in my liyf.

Vy I drede my trespassis, & y am aschamed to-fore þee: whanne
þou schalt come to iugement, nyle þou condempne me.

[Repet] Ffor y haue synned ful myche in my liyf.

[SECOND NOCTURN.]

psalm [23⁶]: *Dominus regit me.*

1 **T**he lord gouerneþ me, and no þing schal faile to me; [2] in
þe place of pasture, þere [he] haþ set⁷ me.

He nurschide⁸ me on þe watir of refresching; [3] he conuertid
my soule.

He ledde me forþ on þe pappis of riȝtfulnesse, for⁹ his name.

4 For whi,¹⁰ þouȝ y schal go in þe myddis of schadewe of deop, y
schal not drede yuelis; for¹¹ þou art wiþ me:

Thi ȝerde & þi staf, þo¹² han confortid me.

¹ scruteris ² plasmaverunt me totum in circuitu ³ mulsisti
⁴ coagulasti ⁵ custodivit ⁶ 22 Vulgate. ⁷ collocavit ⁸ educavit
⁹ propter ¹⁰ Nam ¹¹ Quoniam ¹² ipsa

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- 5 Thou hast maad redi a boord¹ in my sizt, azenes hem þat trublen me;
 Thou hast maad fat myn heed wiþ oile; & my cuppe fillynge gretli is ful cleer.²
 6 And þi merci schal sue me in alle þe daies of my liyf;
 And þat y dwelle in þe hous of þe lord, in-to þe lengþe of daies.
Antem: He hap set me in place of pasture.

psalm [25³]: **Ad te [domine] leuau.**

- 1 **L**ord, to þe y haue reisid my soule. my god! y triste in þee; be y not aschamed!
 Neþer myn enemyes scorn me; [2] for alle men þat suffren þee schulen not be schent.⁴
 Alle men doynge wickid þingis to veynli,⁵ be þei schent!
 3 Lord, schewe þou þi weies to me; & teche þou me þi pappis!
 4 Dresse⁶ þou me in þi treuþe, and teche þou me; for þou art god my saueour, & y suffride⁷ þee al dai.
 5 Lord, haue þou mynde of þi merciful doyngis, & of þi mercies, þat ben fro þe world.⁸
 6 Haue þou not mynde of þe trespassis of my zougþe, & on myn vnkunnyngis!⁹
 Thou, lord, haue mynde on me bi þi merci; for þi goodnesse!
 7 The lord is swete & riȝtful; for þis cause he schal ȝyue a lawe to men trespassyng¹⁰ in þe weie.
 8 He schal dresse deboner men in doom¹¹; he schal teche mylde men hise weies.
 9 Alle þe weies of þe lord ben merci & treuþe, to men sekyng his testament & his witnessyngis.
 10 Lord, for þi nanie þou schalt do merci to my synne; for it is myche.
 11 Who is a man þat dredip þe lord? he ordeyneþ to him a lawe in þe weie which he chees.
 12 His soule schal dwelle in goodis; & his seed schal enerite þe lond.
 13 The lord is sadnesse¹² to men þat dreden him; & his testament is þat it be schewid to hem.

¹ mensam ² inebrians, quam praeclarus est! ³ 24 Vulgate.
⁴ sustinent te non confundentur ⁵ supervacue ⁶ Dirige ⁷ sustinui
⁸ a saeculo ⁹ ignorantias ¹⁰ delinquentibus ¹¹ Diriget mansuetos in iudicio
¹² Firmamentum

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14 Myn iȝen ben euere to þe lord, for he schal breide away¹ my feet
fro þe snare.

15 Biholde þou on me, & haue þou merci on me, for y am oon aloon²
& pore!

16 The tribulaciouns of myn herte ben multiplied: delyuere þou me
of my nedis!³

17 Se þou my meke-nesse & my trauel⁴; & forȝyue þou alle my
trespassis!

18 Biholde þou myn enemyes, for þei ben multiplied; & þei haten
me bi wickid hatrede.

19 Kepe þou my soule, & delyuere þou me! be y not aschamed, for
y hopide in þee.

20 Innocent men & riȝtful clyueden to me, for y suffride⁵ þee.

21 God delyuere þou, israel, fro alle hise tribulaciouns!

Antem: Lord, remembre þou not þe trespassis of my ȝougþe,
and myn ignorauncis!

psalm [27⁶]: **Dominus illuminacio.**

1 **T**he lord is my liȝtning and myn heelþe; whom schal y
drede?

The lord is defender of my liyf; for whom schal y tremble?

2 The while noieful men neiȝen to me, for to ete my fleschis,
Myn enemyes þat trubliden me, þei weren maad sike, & felden
doun.

3 Thouȝ castels stonden to-gidere aȝenes me, myn herte schal not
drede.

Thouȝ batel riseþ aȝenes me, in þis þing y schal haue hope.

4 I axide of þe lord o þing; y schal seke þis þing; þat y dwelle in
þe hous of þe lord in alle þe daies of my liyf,

That y se þe wille of þe lord, & þat y visite his temple.

5 For he hidde me in his tabernacle; in þe dai of yuelis, he de-
fendide me in þe hid place of his tabernacle.

He enhauȝside me in a stoon; [6] and now he enhauȝside myn
heed ouer myn enemyes.

7 I cumpasside & offride in his tabernacle a sacrifice of crynge; y
schal syng,⁷ & y schal seie salm to þe lord.

8 Lord, here þou my vois, bi which y criede to þee! haue þou
merci on me, & here me!

¹ evellet ² quia unicus ³ de necessitatibus meis ⁴ laborem

⁵ quia sustinui ⁶ 26 Vulgate

⁷ Circuivi et immolavi . . . vociferationis; cantabo

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- 9 Myn herte seide to þee, my face souzte þee; lord, y schal seke ofte þi face!
- 10 Turne þou not away þi face fro me! bowe þou not away¹ in ire fro þi seruaunt!
- 11 Lord, be þou myn helper! forsake þou not me! & god, myn helpe, dispise þou not me!
- 12 For my fadir & my modir han forsakun me; but þe lord hap take me.²
- 13 Lord, sette þou a lawe to me in þi weie, & dresse þou me in þe pappre, for³ myn enemyes!
- 14 Bitake þou not me in-to þe soulis of hem þat trublen me; for wickid witnessis han rise azenes me, & wickidnesse liede⁴ to it-silf.
- 15 I bileue to se þe godis of þe lord, ⁵in þe lond of þe lord, in þe lond of hem þat lyuen.⁵
- 16 Abide þou þe lord, & do manli⁶! & þin herte be confortid, & suffre þou⁷ þe lord.

Antem: I bileue to se þe godis of þe lord, in þe lond of hem þat lyuen.

Vy Ríztful men schulen be in endeles mynde;

[Ry] þei schulen not drede of yuel heryng.

Pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

leccio iiij^a: **Quantas habeo.** [Job xiii. 23—28.]

- 23 **H**ou grete synnes & wickidnessis haue y! schewe to me my felonyes & trespassis!⁸ [24] whi hidest þou þi face, & demest me, þin enemy? [25] þou schewist þi power azenes a leef which is rauschild⁹ wiþ þe wynde, & þou pursuest drie stobil; [26] for þou writist bitternessis azenes me, & wolt waste me wiþ þe synnes of my waxinge age.¹⁰ [27] þou hast set my foot in a stok,¹¹ and þou hast kepte¹² alle my pappis, & þou hast biholde¹³ þe steppis of my feet; [28] & y schal be wastid as rotenesse, & as a cloþ which is etun of a mouzte.¹⁴

Ry Woo is me, lord! for y haue synned ful myche in my lif. what schal y, wrecche, do? whidur schal y flee, lut to þee,

¹ ne declines ² assumpsit me ³ dirige . . . propter
⁴ mentita est ⁵ MS. wrong. in terra viventium V. ⁶ viriliter
⁷ sustine ⁸ iniquitates et peccata ⁹ rapitur
¹⁰ adolescentiae ¹¹ nervo ¹² observasti ¹³ considerasti
¹⁴ tinea

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my god? haue merci on me, whanne þou schalt come in þe laste dai!

Vy Mi soule is gretli trublid; but þou, lord, socoure þou it.

[Repeet] Whanne þou schalt come in þe laste dai.

leccio v*: **Homo natus de muliere.** [Job xiv. 1—6.]

- 1 **A** man þat is born of a womman, lyueþ schort tyme, & is fillid wiþ many wrecchidnessis. [2] which¹ goiþ out & is defoulid as a flour, & fleep as a schadewe, & dwelliþ neuer parfittli in þe same staat. [3] and gessist þou² it worþi to opene þin iȝen on siche a man, & to brynge him into doom wiþ þee? [4] who mai³ make him clene þat is conseyuod of vnclene seed? wleþer not þou þat aloon?⁴ [5] þe daies of a man ben schorte; þe noumbe of his moneþis ben at þee;⁵ þou hast set⁶ hise termes, þe whiche moun not be passid. [6] þer-for go þou away fro him a litil, þat he haue reste, til þe mede disirid come; ⁷& his dai is as þe dai of an hirid man.⁷

Ry Lord, reherce þou not my synnes whanne þou schalt come to deme þe world bi fier!

Vy Mi lord god, dresse þou my weie in þi siȝt,

[Repeet] Whanne þou schalt come to deme þe world bi fier!

⁸Leccio vj*: **[Quis michi hoc tribuat].** [Job xiv. 13—16.]

- 13 **W**ho mai graunte to me þis, þat þou defende me in helle, & hide me til þi greet veniaunce⁹ passe, & þat þou ordeyne me a tyme in which þou haue mynde of me? [14] gessist þou not¹⁰ þat a deed man schal lyue aȝen? / Alle þe daies in whiche y trauele¹¹ now, y abide til my chaungyng come. / [15] þou schalt clepe me, & y schal answere þee; þou schalt strecche þi riȝt hond to þe werk of þin hondis. [16] sikirli¹² þou hast noumbrid my steppis; but, lord, spare þou my synnes!

Ry Lord, nyle þou deme me aftir my dede! y hane do no þing worþi in þi siȝt. þerfor. y biseche þi maieste, þat þou, god, do away my wickidnesse.

¹ qui ² ducis ³ MS. mai mai.

⁴ Nonne tu qui solus es?

⁵ apud te

⁶ MS. se set.

constituisti

⁷⁻⁷ sicut mercenarii, dies ejus

⁸ The heading *Quare de vultus* is given wrongly in the MS.

⁹ furor tuus

¹⁰ Putasne

¹¹ milito

¹² quidem

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V7 More-ouer, god, wasche þou me fro myn vnriȝtfulnesse, & clense þou me of my trespas ! for y haue synned to þee aloon.
[Repeet] þerfor y biseche þi maieste, þat þou, god, do away wickidnesse.

[THIRD NOCTURN.]

psalm [40¹]: **Expectans, expectaui.**

- 1 **I**, abidinge, abode þe lord ; & he ȝaf tent to me.
And he herde my preieris ; [2] & he ledde me out fro þe lake of wrecchidnesse, & fro þe filþe of draȝt.²
And he ordeynede my feet on a stoon ; & he dresside my goyngis.³
- 3 And he sente⁴ in-to my monþ a new songe, a song to oure god.
- 4 Many men schulen se, & schulen drede, & schulen haue hope in þe lord.
- 5 Blessid is þe man of whom þe name of þe lord is his hope ; and he bihelde not in-to vanytees & in-to false woodnessis.⁵
- 6 Mi lord god, þou hast maad þi meruelis many ; & in þi þouȝtis, noon is þat is lyk þee.
- 7 I telde⁶ & y spak ; & þei ben multiplied aboue noumbre.
- 8 Thou noldest sacrifice & offryng ; but þou madist parfitli⁷ eeris to me.
- 9 Thou axidist not ⁸brent sacrifice and sacrifice for synne : ⁸ þanne y seide : ‘ lo, y come ! ’
- 10 In þe heed of þe book it is writun of me, þat y schulde do þi wille. my god, y wilnede also to do þi lawe in þe⁹ myddis of myn herte.
- 11 I telde⁶ þi riȝtfulnessis¹⁰ in a greet chirche : lo ! y schal [not] refreyne¹¹ my lippis : lord, þou wistist !
- 12 I hidde not þi riȝtfulnesse¹⁰ in myn herte ; y seide þi treuþe & þin heelpē ;
- 13 I hidde not þi merci & þi treuþe, fro a myche¹² counseil.
- 14 But þou, lord, make not fer¹³ þi merciful doyngis fro me ! þi mercy & þi treuþe euere token me up.¹⁴
- 15 For wli, yuelis of whiche is no noumbre cumpassiden me ; my wickidnessis token¹⁵ me, and y myȝte not þat y schulde se.

¹ 39 Vulgate. ² ? draft. de luto facies. ³ direxit gressus meos

⁴ immisit ⁵ insanias ⁶ Annuntiavi ⁷ perfecisti

⁸⁻⁸ holocaustum et pro peccato ⁹ MS. in þe in þe ¹⁰ iustitiam

¹¹ non prohibebo ¹² multo ¹³ ne longe facias ¹⁴ susceperunt me

¹⁵ comprehenderunt

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Tho ben mutiplied aboue þe heeris of myn heed, and myn herte forsook me.

16 Lord, plesse it to þee þat þou delyuere me! lord, biholde þou to helpe me!

17 Be þei schent & aschamed to-gidere, þat seken my liyf, to take away it!

Be þei turned abak, & be þei aschamed, þat wolen yuelis to me!

18 Bere þei her confusioun anoon, þat seien to me, ¹‘wel! wel!’ þat is in scorun.¹

19 Alle þat seken þee, be fulli ioieful & be glad on þee! & scie þei þat louen þin heelp, ‘þe lord be magnified euer!’

20 Forsoþe y am a begger & pore: þe lord is bisi of me.²

21 Thou art myn helpere & my defendere! my god, tarie þou not!

Antem: Lord, plesse it to þe þat þou delyuere me! lord, loke þou forþ to helpe me!

psalm [41³]: **Beatus qui intelligit.**

1 **B**lessid is he þat vndurstandiþ on a nedi man & pore! þe lord schal delyuere him in þe yuel dai.

2 The lord kepe him, & quykene him, & make him blesful in þe lond! & bitake⁴ not him in-to þe wille of hise enemyes!

3 The lord bere help to him on þe bed of his sorewe! þou hast ofte turned al his bedstree⁵ in his siknesse.

4 I seide: ‘lord, haue þou merci on me! hele þou my soule, for y synnede aþenes þee!’

5 Myn enemyes seiden yuelis to me: ‘whanne schal he die, & his name schal perische?’

6 ‘And if he entride for to se, he spak veyn þingis: his herte gaderide wickidnesse.

He ȝede wiþ-out forþ; and spak to þe same ende.’⁶

7 Alle myn enemyes hacbitiden pryueli aþenes me; aþenes me þei þouȝten yuelis to me.

8 Thei ordeyneden au yuel word aþenes me: ‘wheþer he þat slepiþ schal not ley to,⁷ þat he rise aþen.’

9 For whi, þe man of my pees, in whom y hopide, he þat ete my looues, made greet disseit⁸ on me.

¹⁻¹ Euge, Euge! ² sollicitus est mei ³ 40 Vulgate. ⁴ tradat
⁵ universum stratum ⁶ et loquebatur ⁷ non adjiciet
⁸ supplantationem

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10 But þou, lord, haue merci on me, & reise me aȝen ! & y schal
ȝelde¹ to hem.

11 In þis y knewe þat [þou] woldest² me : for myn enemy schal not
haue ioie on me.

12 Forsope þou hast take me up for innocense ; & hast confermyd
me in þi siȝt wiȝ-outen ende.³

13 Blessid be þe lord god of israel, fro þe world, & in to þe world,⁴
be it don ! be it don !

Antem : Lord, hele þou my soule ! for y haue synned to þee.

psalm [42⁵] : **Quemadmodum.**

1 **A**s an hert de[sir]þ⁶ to þe wellis of watris, so þou, god, my
soule desirþ to þee.

2 Mi soule þirstide to god, þat is a quyk welle :⁷ whanne schal y
come, & appere bifore þe face of my god ?

3 Mi teeris weren looues⁸ to me, bi dai & nyȝt, while it is seid to
me ech dai : ‘ where is þi god ? ’

4 I biȝouȝte of þese þingis, & y schedde out⁹ in me my soule ; for
y schal passe in-to þe place of þis wondrousful tabernacle, til
to þe hous of god,

5 In þe vois of ful out-ioiying and of knoueleching, is þe sown of þe
etere.¹⁰

6 Mi soule, whi art þou sorie ? & whi disturblest þou me ?

7 Hope þou in god, for ȝit y schal knoueleche¹¹ to him ; he is þe
helpe of my chere, [8] & my god.

Mi soule is disturblid at my silf ; þerfor y schal be myndeful of
him, fro þe lond of iordan, & fro þe litil hil of hermonyim.

9 Deppe clepiþ deppe, in þe vois of þi wyndowis.¹²

Alle þin hiȝe þingis & þi wawis passiden ouer me.

10 The lord sente his merci in þe dai, & his song [bi] nyȝt.¹³

At me is a preier to þe god of my liyf ; [11] y schal seie to god :
þou art my taker-up.¹⁴

Whi forȝitest þou me ? and whi go y soreful, while þe enemy
turmentip me ?

12 While my boones ben brokun to gidere, myn enemyes þat trublen
me dispisiden me,

¹ retribuam ² MS. þat woldest. ³ in aeternum ⁴ saeculum
⁵ 41 Vulgate. ⁶ desiderat ⁷ ad Deum fortem vivum ⁸ panes
⁹ effudi ¹⁰ sonus epulantis ¹¹ confitebor ¹² cataractarum ¹³ nocte
¹⁴ susceptor

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13 While þei seien to me bi alle daies: ‘where is þi god?’

14 Mi soule, whi art þou sorie? & whi disturblast þou me?

15 Hope þou in god, for ȝit y schal knoueleche¹ to him; he is þe helpe of my chere, & my god.

Antem: Mi soule þirstide to god, þat is a quyk welle!² whanne schal y come & appere bfore þe face of þe lord?

V Lord, graunte þou hem endeles reste;

[Ry] And euerlastynge liȝt, liȝtne to hem!

Pater noster: Oure fadir [&c.].

leccio vij^a: *Spiritus meus.* [Job xvii. 1—3, 11—15.]

1 **M**i spirit schal be maad feble³; my daies schulen be maad schort; & oneli þe sepulcre is left to me. [2] y haue not synned; and ȝit myn iȝe dwelliþ in bittirnessis. [3] lord, deliuere þou me, & sette þou me bisidis þee; and þe hond of whom euere þou wolt,⁴ fiȝte aȝenes me! [11] Mi daies ben passid.⁵ my pouȝtis ben scaterid, turmentynge⁶ myn herte. [12] þei han turned þe niȝt in-to dai; and efte aftir derknessis, y hope liȝt.⁷ [13] if y susteyne, helle is myn hous; & y haue araied⁸ my bed in derknessis. [14] I seide to rotenesse: ‘þou art my fadir’; & to wormes, ‘ȝe ben my modir & my sister’; [15] þefore, where is now myn abiding, & my pacience? my lord god, þou it ert!

Ry þe drede of deef trubliþ me euery dai, þe while y synne & repente me not, for in helle is no redempcion. haue merci of me, god, & saue þou me!

V God, in þi name make me saaf, & in þi vertu delyuere þou me!

[Repet] Ffor in helle is no redempcion, haue merci of me, god, & saue þou me!

leccio viij: *pellī mee.* [Job xix. 20—27.]

20 **W**hanne my fleisch was wastid, my boon cleuyde to my skyn, & oneli lippis ben left aboute my teep. [21] haue ȝe merci on me, haue ȝe merci on me; nameli, ȝe my frendis! for þe hond of þe lord haþ touchid me. [22] whi pursue ȝe me as god doiþ, & ben fillid wiþ my fleschis⁹?

¹ confitebor

² transierunt

³ fortem

⁴ torquentes

⁵ et carnibus meis saturamini

⁶ attenuabitur

⁷ spero lucem

⁸ cūvis manus

⁹ stravi

[23] who mai graunte me þat my wordis be writun? who mai graunte me þat þei be writun in a bok, [24] wiþ an yrun poyntel, eþer¹ wiþ a plate of leed, eþer wiþ a chisel be grauun in a flynt? [25] ffor y wot þat myn azenbier lyueþ; & in þe laste dai y schal rise fro þe erþe, [26] & eft y schal be cumpassid wiþ my² skyn; & in my flesch y schal se god my saueour. [27] whom y my silf schal se, & myn iȝen schulen biholde, beynge¹ not anopir: þis is myn hope, & kept in my bosum.

Ry Lord, graunte þou hem endeles reste! & euerlastynge lizt, liztne to hem!

Vy Lord, þat reisidist stynkynges laȝer fro his graue, graunte hem reste!

[Repeat] And euerlastynge lizt, liztne to hem!

leccio ix^a: [Job x. 18—22.]

Quare de vulua, & cetera.

18 **W**hi brouȝtest þou me forþ fro þe wombe? wolde god þat y hadde be wastid,³ þat noon iȝe hadde seie me! [19] þanne had y be as þouȝ y hadde not be; fro þe wombe y bore to þe graue. [20] wheþer þe fewenesse of my daies schal not be endid in schort tyme? lord! suffre⁴ þou me, þat y weile a litil while my sorewe, [21] or y wende heȝnes, þat y turne not aȝen,⁵ to þe derk lond, & keuerid wiþ þe derknesse of deep; [22] þe lond of wrecchidnesse and of derknesse, where þe schadewe of deep, & noon ordre, but euerlasting [g]risnesse dwelliþ inne.⁶

Ry Lord, delyuere þou me fro endeles deep, in þat dredful dai, whanne heuenes & erþe schulen be moued;

whanne þou schalt come to deme þe world bi fier!

Vy þilke dai is a dai of wrappe, & of chalenge, & of wrecchidnesse; a greet dai, & a ful bitter,

Whanne heuene & erþe schulen be moued.

[Vy] þerfore what schal y þanne, most wrechidful, þenke? what schal y seie, or what schal y do, whanne y schal schewe forþ no goodnesse to fore so greet a iuge,

Whanne þou schalt come to deme þe world bi fier?

¹ et

² MS. my my

³ consumptus

⁴ dimitte ergo

⁵ antiquam vadam, et non reuertar

⁶ horror inhabitat

V7 Now, crist, we axen þee, we biseche þee, haue merci on vs !
þou þat come to azenbie hem þat weren lost, nyle¹ þou
dampne hem þat þou hast bouzt,

Whanne þou schalt come to iuge þe world bi fier !

V7 Brennynge soulis wepen wiþ-outen ende ; þei wepen wiþ-
outen ende, walkyng bi derknessis ; and ech of hem seien,
wo ! wo ! wo ! hou greet ben þese derknessis !

[Whanne þou schalt come to iuge þe world bi fier !]

V7 God, makere-of-nouȝt of alle creaturis, þat formedist me of
þe erþe, and wondurliche wiþ þin owne blood hast bouzt
us, þouȝ my bodi rotte now, þou schalt make it rise out of
þe sepulcre in þe dai of doom. heere þou me ! here þou
me ! þat þou comaunde my soule to be put in þe bosum of
abraham, þe patriark,

Whanne þou schalt come to iuge þe world bi fier !

R7² Lord, delyuere þou me fro þe peynes of helle,—þou þat brak
þe ȝatis of bras, & visitidist helle, and ȝaf liȝt to hem [þat]
þei myȝten se, þat weren in peynes of derknessis,

[V7] Cryng & seyng, ‘oure azenbier ! þou art come to vs ; þou
þat brak þe ȝatis of bras & visitidest helle, & ȝaf liȝt to hem
þat þei myȝten se, þat weren in þe peynes of derknessis !’

IN LAUDIBUS.

psalm [51³] : **Misere[re] mei, deus, secundum.**

- 1 **G**od, haue þou merci on me, bi⁴ þi greet merci !
And bi þe mychelnesse of þi merciful doynȝis,⁵ do þou
away my wickidnes !
- 2 More⁶ wasche þou me fro my wickidnesse ; & clense þou me fro
my synne !
- 3 For y knouleche my wickidnesse ; & my synne is euer aȝenes me.
- 4 I haue synned to þee aloon, & y haue don yuel bfore þee ; þat
þou be iustified in þi wordis, & ouercome whanne þou art
demed.
- 5 For, lo, y was conseyued in wickidnessis ; & my moder conseyued
me in synnes.

¹ Be unwilling, *Noli*.

² MS. gives V7

⁵ miserationum

³ 50 Vulgate.

⁶ Amplius

⁴ secundum

- 6 For, lo, þou louedist treuþe; þou hast schewid to me vnserþeyn þingis & pryue þingis of þi wisdom.
- 7 Lord, bi-sprynge þou¹ me wiþ isope, & y schal be clensid; wasche þou me, & y schal be maad whit more þan snow.
- 8 ȝyue þou ioie & gladnesse to myn heryng; & boones maad meke schulen ful out make ioie.²
- 9 Turne away þi face fro my synnes, & do away alle my wickidnessis!
- 10 God, make þou a clene herte in me; make þou newe³ a riȝtful spirit in myn entrailes!
- 11 Caste þou not me away fro þi face; & take þou not me a-wey fro me þin holi spirit!
- 12 ȝyue þou to me þe gladnesse of ȝin helpe; & conferme þou me wiȝ þe principal⁴ spirit!
- 13 I schal teche wickid men þi weies; & vnfeipful men schulen be conuertid to þee.
- 14 God, þe god of myn helpe! delyuere þou me fro bloodis; & my tunge schal ioiefulli synge þi riȝtfulnesse.
- 15 Lord, opene þou my lippis! & my mouþ schal telle þi preisyng.
- 16 For if þou haddist wolde sacrifice, y hadde ȝoue: treuli þou schalt not delite in brente sacrifices.
- 17 Sacrifice to god is a spirit trublid: god! þou schalt not dispise a contrit herte and meke.
- 18 Lord! do þou benyȝneli in þi good wille to sion; þat þe wallis of ierusalem be bildid.
- 19 Than þou schalt take plesauntli þe⁵ sacrifice of riȝtfulnesse, offringis & brent sacrifices; þanne þei schulen putte calues on þin auter.

Antem: Boones maad meke, schulen glade to þe lord.

psalm [65⁶]: **Te decet ymnpus.**

- 1 **G**Od! heriyng⁷ bicometh þee in sion; & a vow schal be ȝoldun to þee in ierusalem.⁸
- 2 Here þou my preier! ech man⁹ schal come to þee.
- 3 The wordis of wickid men hadden þe maistry¹⁰ ouer us; & þou schalt do merci to oure wickidnessis.
- 4 Blessid is he whom þou hast chose & hast take! he schal dwelle in þi forȝerdis.¹¹

¹ Asperges ² exultabunt ossa humiliata ³ innova ⁴ principali
⁵ MS. þe þe ⁶ 64 Vulgate. ⁷ hymnus ⁸ Jerusalem ⁹ omnis caro
¹⁰ praevaluerunt ¹¹ atriis

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We schulen be fillid wiþ þe goodis of þin hous; þi temple is holi,
[5] wondrousful in equyte.

God oure helpe, here þou us! þou art hope of alle coostis¹ of erþe,
& in þe see afer.

6 And þou makest-redi² hillis in þi vertu, and art gird wiþ power;
[7] which³ disturblast þe deppe of þe see, þe soun of þe
wawis þer-of.

Folkis schulen be disturblid, [8] and þei þat dwellen in þe endis⁴
schulen drede of þi signes; þou schalt delite þe outgoyngis
of þe morntide & euentid.

9 Thou hast visitid þe lond, & hast gretli fillid⁵ it; þou hast multi-
plied to make it riche.⁶

10 The flood⁷ of god was fillid wiþ watris; þou makest redi þe mete
of hem; for þe makyng redi þer-of is so.

11 Thou, fyllinge greetli þe stremes þer-of, multiplie þe fruytis þer-of!
þe lond bryngyng forþ fruytis, schal be glade in þe goteris⁸
of it.

12 Thou schalt blesse þe coroun of þe 3eer of þi good wille; & þi
feldis schulen be fillid wiþ plente of fruytis.⁹

13 The faire þingis¹⁰ of desert schulen waxe fatte; & litil hillis
schulen be cumpassid with ful out-ioiying.

14 The weþeris¹¹ of scheep ben clopid, & valeis schulen be plenteu-
ouse of whete; þei schulen crie, & sopeli þei schulen seie
heriying.¹²

Antem: Lord, here þou my preier! ech man schal come to þee.

psalm [63¹³]: *Deus, deus meus!*

1 **G**Od, my god! y wake to þee ful erli.¹⁴
2 Mi soule þirstide to þee; my flesh þirstide to þee ful
many fold!

In a lond forsakun, wiþ-out weie, & wiþout watir, [3] so y apperide
to þee in hooli,¹⁵ þat y schulde se þi vertu & þi glorie.

4 For¹⁶ þi merci is betere þan lyues, my lippis schulen herie þee.

5 So y schal blesse þee in my liyf; & in þi name y schal reise myn
hondis.

6 Mi soule be fillid [wiþ] innere fatnesse & outermere fatnes¹⁷; &
my mouþ schal herie wiþ lippis of fu[l] out-ioiying.¹⁸

¹ finium ² Praeparans ³ Qui ⁴ qui habitant terminos
⁵ inebriasti ⁶ locupletare eam ⁷ Flumen ⁸ stillicidiis ⁹ ubertate
¹⁰ speciosa ¹¹ arietes ¹² hymnum ¹³ 62 Vulgate. ¹⁴ de luce
¹⁵ in sancto ¹⁶ Quoniam ¹⁷ adipe et pinguedine ¹⁸ labiis exultationis

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Myn ize, biholdynge an hiz, ben maad feble. lord! y suffre violence; answeſe þou for me! [15] what schal [I] seie,¹ eper what schal answeſe to me, whanne he haþ do?

I schal biþenke² to þee alle my ȝeeris in þe bitternesse of my soule.
16 Lord! if me lyueþ so, & þe liyf of my spirit is in sicke þingis, þou schalt chastise me & schalt quykene³ me. [17] lo, my bitternesse is moost bitter in pees.

Forsoþe þou hast delyuerid my soule, þat it perischide not; þou hast caste away, bihynde þi bak, alle my synnes.

18 For not helle schal knoueleche⁴ to þee; neþer deef schal herie þee: þei þut gon down in to þe lake schulen not abide⁵ þi treuþe.

19 A lyuyng man, a lyuyng, he schal knoueleche⁴ to þee, as &⁶ y to dai: þe fadir schal make knowun þi treuþe to sones.

20 Lord, make þou me saf! & we schulen synge oure salmes in alle þe daies of oure liyf in þe hous of þe lord.

Antem: Ffrom þe ȝate of helle, Lord delyuere her soulis!

psalm [148]: **Laudate dominum de celis, & cetera.**

1 Þe of heuenes, herie þe lord! herie ȝe him in hiz þingis!⁷

2 Alle hise aungelis, herie ȝe him! alle hise vertues, herie ȝe him!

3 Sunne & moone, herie ȝe him! alle sterris & liȝt, herie ȝe him!

4 Heuenes,⁸ herie ȝe him! & þe watris þat ben aboue heuenes, [5] herie þe name of þe lord!

For he seide, & þingis weren maad; he comaundide, & þingis weren maad of nouȝt.⁹

6 He ordeynede þo þingis in-to þe world, & in to þe world of world,¹⁰ he settide a comaundement, & it schal not passe.

7 Ȝe of erþe, herie þe lord! dragouns & alle deppis of watris¹¹;

8 Fier, hail, snow, iys; spiritis of tempestis þat don his word;

9 Mounteynes, and alle litle hillis; trees berynge fruyt, & alle cedris;

10 Wiede bestis, & alle tame bestis; serpentis, & feperid briddis;

11 The kingis of erþe, & alle pupilis; þe princis, & alle iugis of erþe;

12 Ȝonge men & virgyns, elde men wiþ ȝongere, herie þe name of þe lord! for þe name of him aloon is enhaunsid.

His knoueleching¹² be on heuene & erþe! [13] & he haþ enhaunsid þe horn of his puple.

¹ Quid dicam ² Recogitabo ³ corripies me, et vivificabis ⁴ confitebitur
⁵ expectabunt ⁶ sicut et ⁷ in excelsis ⁸ Coeli coelorum
⁹ et creata sunt, ¹⁰ in aeternum, et in saeculum saeculi ¹¹ abyssi
¹² confessio ejus

An ympne be to alle hise seyntis ; to þe children of israel ; to a puple neiȝynge to hym !

[Ps. 149]: **Cantate domino.**

- 1 **S**ynge ȝe to þe lord a newe songe ! his heriyng be in þe chirche of seyntis !
- 2 Israel, be glade in him þat made him ! & þe douȝtris of sion, make ful out ioie¹ in her kyng !
- 3 Herie þei his name in a queer !² seie þei salm to him in a tympan and sautre !
- 4 For þe lord is wel plesid in his puple ; & he haȝ reisid myȝde men in-to helpe.³
- 5 Seyntis schulen make ful out-ioie in glorie ; þei schulen be glade in her beddis.
- 6 The ful out-ioiyngis of god in þe þrote of hem, & swerdis scharpe in ech side in þe hondis of hem, [7] to do vengeance in naciouns, blamyngis in pupilis ;
- 8 To bynde þe kyngis of hem in stockis, & þe noble men of hem in irun manyclis ;
- 9 That þei make in hem doom writun : þis is glorie to alle hise seyntis.

[Ps. 150: **Laudate dominum.**]

- 1 **H**erie ȝe þe lord in hise seyntis ! herie ȝe him in þe firmament of his vertu !
- 2 Herie ȝe him in hise vertues ! herie ȝe him bi⁴ þe multitude of his⁵ gretnesse !
- 3 Herie ȝe him in þe sown of trumpe ! herie ȝe him in sautre & harpe !⁶
- 4 Herie ȝe him in tympan & queer ! herie ȝe him in stryngis & orgun !
- 5 Herie ȝe him in cymbalis sownynge wel ! herie ȝe him in cymbalis of iubilacioun ! [6] ech spirit, herie þe lord !

Antem: Ech spirit herie þe lord !

Vy Endeles reste, ȝyue hem, lord !

[Ry] And euerlastynge liȝt, liȝtne to hem !

psalm: Benedictus dominus deus israel! [Luke i. 68—79.]

- 68 **B**lessid be þe lord god of israel ! for he haȝ visitid & maad redempcion of his puple ;

¹ exultent

² choro

³ salutem

⁴ secundum

⁵ MS. of his of his

⁶ cithara

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- 69 And he haþ rerid to us an horun of helpe, in þe hous of dauip his child :
- 70 As he spak bi þe mouþ of hise hooli profetis, þat weren fro þe world¹ ;
- 71 Heelpe² fro oure enemyes, & fro þe hond of alle men þat hatiden us :
- 72 T[o] do³ merci wiþ oure fadris, & to haue mynde of his holi testament ;
- 73 In þe greet oop⁴ þat he swore to abraham oure fadir, to 3yue him silf to vs,
- 74 *That we wiþ-uten drede, delyuerid fro þe hond of oure enemyes, serue⁵ to him,
- 75 In holynesse & riȝtwisnesse bifore him, in alle oure daies.
- 76 And þou, child, schalt be clepid þe profete of þe hiȝest ; for þou schalt go bifore þe face of þe lord, to make redi hise weies ;
- 77 To 3yue science of helpe⁶ to his puple, in-to remyssion of her synnes.
- 78 Bi þe inwardnesse⁷ of þe mercy of oure god, in þe which he, sprynginge vp fro an hiȝ, haþ visitid us ;
- 79 To 3yue liȝt to hem þat sitten in derknessis & in schadewe of deep ; to dresse oure feet in-to þe weie of pees.

Antem : I am aȝenrisyng & liyf ; he þat bileueþ in me, þouȝ he be deed, he schal lyue ; & euery man þat lyueþ & bileueþ in me, schal not die wiþ-uten ende.

Lord, haue merci on vs !

Crist, haue merci on vs !

Lord, haue merci on us !

Pater noster. Oure fadir [&c.].

psalm [30⁸] : **Exaltabo⁹ te, domine !**

- 1 **L**ord, y schal enhauunse þee ; for þou hast up-take¹⁰ me ; & þou delitidist not myn enemyes on me.¹¹
- 2 Mi lord god ! y criede to þee ; & þou madist me hool.
- 3 Lord, þou leddist out my soule fro helle ; þou sauedist me fro hem þat gon down in-to þe lake.
- 4 Ȝe seyntis of þe lord, syng¹² to þe lord ; & knouleche Ȝe to þe mynde¹³ of his holynesse.

¹ a saeculo ² salutem ³ ad faciendam ⁴ Jusjurandum
⁵ seruiamus ⁶ scientiam salutis ⁷ viscera ⁸ 29 Vulgate.
⁹ MS. Exultabo ¹⁰ suscepisti ¹¹ super me
¹² Psallite ¹³ memoriae

- 5 For ire is in his indignacioun ; & liyf is in his wille.
 Weping schal dwelle¹ at euentid ; & gladnesse at þe moruntide.
 6 Forsoþe, y seide in my plente : ‘ y schal not be moued wiþ-uten
 ende.’²
 Lord, in þi wille þou hast ȝoue vertu [to] my fairnesse.
 7 Thou turnedist away þi face fro me, & y am maad disturblid.
 8 Lord, y schal crie to þee ; & y schal preie to my god.
 9 What profit³ is in my blood, while y go doun in-to corrupcioun ?
 10 Wher⁴ dust schal knoueleche to þee ; eþer schal telle þi treuþe ?
 11 The lord herde, & hadde merci on me ; þe lorde is maad myn
 helper.
 12 Thou hast turned my weilyng in-to ioie to me ; þou hast to-rent
 my sak, & hast cumpassid me wiþ gladnesse.
 13 That my glorie synge to þee, & y be not compunct.⁵ my lord
 god ! y schal knoueleche⁶ to þee wiþ-uten ende.
 [V] *Requiem eterna*m : Endeles reste, ȝyue hem, lord,
 [R] And euerlastinge liȝt, liȝtne to hem !
 [V] From þe ȝate of helle,
 [R] Lord, delyuere her soulis !
 [V] I bileue to se þe goodis of þe lord
 [R] in þe lond of lyuyng men.
 [V] Lord, here þou my preier,
 [R] & my cry come to þee !

Orisoun : *Inclina, domine, aurem tuam !*

LOrd, bowe þou þin eere to oure preieris, wiþ whiche we
 bisechen lowliche þi merci, þat þou sette þe soulis of þi
 seruauntis,—boþe of men & wymmen þat þou hast com-
 aundid to passe out of þis world,—in þe cuntre of pees &
 of liȝt ; & comaunde þat þei be felowis of þin halewene, bi
 crist oure lord ! amen !

ffor fadir & modir : *deus, qui patrem & matrem.*

GOd, þat hast comaundid [us] to worschipe fadir & modir, haue
 merci of þe soulis of my fadir & of my modir, & forȝyue
 hem alle her synnes, & make vs to lyue wiþ hem in þe blis
 with-uten ende. amen !

¹ demorabitur ² in aeternum ³ utilitas ⁴ Numquid
⁵ non compungar ⁶ confitebor

ffor a cors present: deus, cui proprium.

God, to whom it is propriid to haue merci & to spare euer more, loweliche we biseche þee þat þe soule of þi seruaunt which þou hast comaundid to-dai to passe out of þis world, be not take in-to þe hondis of oure enemy; ne forþite it not in-to þe ende, but comaunde it to be takun vp of holi aungels, & to be lad in-to þe cuntre of liyf; so, for þat he hopide & bileuede in þee, late him disserue to be euer glad in þe cumpeny of þin halewene. amen!

ffor a soule in mynde dai: Deus indulgenciarum.

LOrd god of forþyuenesse, graunte þou to þe soule of þi seruaunt, who[s] ȝeris mynde we make to-dai, a seete of refresching, blisse of reste, and cle[r]nesse of liȝt. amen!

here endip dirige.

AND HERE BEGYNNEN COMENDACIONS.[*psalm* 119¹]: **Beati immaculati!**

- 1 **B**lessid ben men in þe weie wiþ-ouen wem,² þat gon³ in þe lawe of þe lord.
 2 Blessid ben þei þat seken hise witnessyngis, seken hym in al herte!
 3 For þei þat worchen wickidnesse, zeden not in hise weies.
 4 Thou hast comaundid, þat þin heestis be kept gretli.⁴
 5 I wolde þat my weies be dressid⁵ to kepe þi iustifyngis!
 6 Thanne y schal not be schent, whanne y schal biholde parfitli⁶ in alle þin heestis.
 7 I schal knoueleche to þee in þe dressyng⁷ of herte, in þat þat⁸ y lernede þe domes of þi riȝtfulnesse.
 8 I schal kepe þi iustifyngis; forsake þou not me in ech side!

psalm: **In quo corigit.**

- 9 In what þing amendiþ a ȝonge wexinge⁹ man his weie? in kepyng þi wordis.
 10 In al myn herte y souȝte þee; pute þou not me away fro þin hestis!
 11 In myn herte y hidde þi spechis, þat y do not synne aȝenes þee.
 12 Lord, þou art blessid! teche þou me þi iustifyngis!
 13 In my lippis y haue pronouns¹³id alle þe domes of þi mouþ.
 14 I delitide in þe weie of þi witnessyngis, as in alle richessis.
 15 I schal be occupied in þin hestis, & y schal biholde¹⁰ þi weies.
 16 I schal biþenke¹¹ in þi iustifyngis; y schal not forȝite þi wordis.

[psalm: **Retribue seruo tuo.]**

- 17 **Ȝ**elde¹² to þi seruau¹²nt! quykene þou me! & y schal kepe þi wordis.
 18 Liȝtne þou myn ȝen; & y schal biholde meruelis of þi lawe.
 19 I am a comelyng¹³ in erþe; hide þou not þin hestis fro me!
 20 Mi soule couertide¹⁴ to¹⁵ desire þi iustifyngis, in al tyme.
 21 Thou blamedist þe proude; þei ben cursid þat bowen a-wey¹⁶ fro þin hestis.

¹ 118 Vulgate. ² immaculati in via ³ ambulant ⁴ nimis
⁵ dirigantur ⁶ perspexero ⁷ Confitebor tibi in directione ⁸ quod
⁹ adolescentior ¹⁰ considerabo ¹¹ meditabor ¹² Retribue
¹³ incola ¹⁴ concupivit ¹⁵ MS. to to ¹⁶ declinant

- 22 Do þou away fro me schenschip¹ & dispisyng, for y souȝte þi witnessyngis.
- 23 For whi, princes saten & spaken aȝenes me; but þi seruauunt was occupied in þi iustifyngis.
- 24 For whi, & þi witnessyngis is my þenking²; & my counsel is þi iustifyngis.

psalm: **Adhesit paumento anima mea.**

- 25 **M**i soule cleuyde to þe pawment: quykene þou me, bi³ þi word!
- 26 I telde out⁴ my weies, & þou herdist me; teche þou me þi iustifyngis!
- 27 Lerne þou me þe weie of þi iustifyngis; and y schal be occupied in þi meruelis.
- 28 Mi soule nappide for anoie⁵: conferme þou me in þi wordis!
- 29 Remoue þou fro me þe weie of wickidnesse; & in þi lawe haue þou merci on me!
- 30 I chees þe weie of treuþe; y forȝate not þi domes.
- 31 Lord, y cleuyde to þi witnessyngis; nyle þou⁶ schende me!
- 32 I ran þe weie of þi comaundementis, whanne þou alargidist myn herte.

psalm: **Legem pone michi, domine.**

- 33 **L**ord, sette þou to me a lawe in þe weie of þi iustifyngis; & y schal seke it euere.
- 34 Ȝyue þou vnderstanding to me, & y schal seke þi lawe; & y schal kepe it in al myn herte.
- 35 Lede me forþ in þe paþ of þin hestis; for y wolde it.
- 36 Bowe doun⁷ myn herte in-to þi witnessyngis, & not in-to auarice.
- 37 Turne þou away myn ȝen, þat þo sen not vanyte; quykene þou me in þi weie!
- 38 Ordeyne þi speche to þi seruauunt in þi drede.
- 39 Kitte a-vey my schenschip which y supposide; for þi domes ben myrie.⁸
- 40 Lo, y coueide þi comaundementis; quykene þou me in þin equite!

¹ opprobrium ² meditatio ³ secundum ⁴ enuntiavi

⁵ Dormitavit . . . prae taedio ⁶ noli ⁷ Inclina

⁸ Amputa opprobrium meum, quod suspicatus sum; quia iudicia tua jucunda.

Et ueniat super me.

- 41 **A**nd, lord, þi merci come on me! þin heelp̃e come, bi¹ þi speche!
- 42 And y schal answeʀe a word to men seiynge schenschipec² to me; for y hopide in þi wordis.
- 43 And take þou not a-wey fro my moup̃ þe word of treuþe outerli, for y hopide aboue³ in þi domes.
- 44 And y schal kepe þi lawe euere, in-to þe world, & in-to þe world of world.
- 45 And y ȝede in largenesse⁴; for y souȝte þi comaundementis.
- 46 And y spak of þi witnessyngis in þe sizt of kingis; & y was not schent.
- 47 And y biþouȝte⁵ in þin heestis, whiche y louede.
- 48 And y reiseide myn hondis to þi comaundementis, whiche y louede; & y schal be excercisid in þi iustifyngis.

psalm: Memor esto verbi tui.

- 49 **L**ord, haue þou mynde on þi word to þi seruauant, in which word þou hast ȝoue hope to me.
- 50 This confortide me in my lownesse,⁶ for þi word quykenyde me.
- 51 Proude men diden wickidli bi alle þingis; but y bowide not away⁷ fro þi lawe.
- 52 Lord, y was myndeful on þi domes, fro þe world⁸; & y was confortid.
- 53 Failyng⁹ helde me, for synneris forsakinge þi lawe.
- 54 Thi iustifyngis weren delitable to me to be sungun,¹⁰ in the place of my pilgrymage.
- 55 Lord, y hadde mynde on þi name bi nyȝt, & y kepte þi lawe.
- 56 This þing was maad to me, for y souȝte þi iustifyngis.

Porcio mea domine.

- 57 **L**ord, my part, y seide, to ke[pe]¹¹ þi lawe.
- 58 I bisouȝte þi face in al myn herte; haue þou merci on me bi þi speche¹²!
- 59 I biþouȝte¹³ my weies, & y turnyde my feet in-to þi witnessyngis.
- 60 I am redi, & y am not disturblid, to kepe¹⁴ þi comaundementis.

¹ secundum ² exprobrantibus ³ supersperavi
⁴ ambulabam in latitudine ⁵ meditabar ⁶ humilitate ⁷ declinavi
⁸ a saeculo ⁹ Defectio ¹⁰ cantabiles ¹¹ custodire
¹² secundum eloquium tuum ¹³ Cogitavi ¹⁴ ut custodiam

- Bonitatem fecisti cum.**

- Manus tue fecerunt.**

- 1 secundum 2 Bonitatem, et disciplinam, et scientiam 3 ego
4 meditatus sum 5 et discam 6 supersperavi 7 consoletur
8 secundum 9 meditatio

psalm: Defecit salutare tuum.

- 81 **M**i soule failide in-to þin helpe¹; & y hopide more on þi word.
 82 Myn izen failide in-to speche, seiynge, 'whanne schalt þou conforte me?
 83 For y am maad as a bowge² in frost; & y haue not forȝite þi iustifyngis.'
 84 Hou many ben þe daies of þi seruauent? whanne schalt þou make doom of hem þat pursuen me?
 85 Wickid men telden to me iangelyngis³; but not as þi lawe.
 86 Alle þi comaundementis ben treuþe. wickid men han pursued me; helpe þou me!
 87 Almost þei endiden me in erþe; but y forsook not þi comaundementis.
 88 Bi þi merci, quykene þou me; & y schal kepe þe witnessyngis of þi mouþ.

In eternum, domine, verbum tuum.

- 89 **L**ord! þi word dwelliþ in heuene wiþ-outen ende.
 90 Thi treuþe dwelliþ in generacioun & in-to generacioun: þou hast foundid þe erþe, & it dwelliþ.
 91 The dai lasteþ contynueli bi þin ordenaunce, for alle þingis seruen to þee.
 92 No but þat⁴ þi lawe was my þenking; þanne perauenture y hadde perischid in my lowenesse.⁵
 93 Wiþ-outen ende y schal not forȝite þi iustifyngis, for in þo þou hast quykened me.
 94 I am þin; make þou me saaf; for y haue souȝt þi iustifyngis.
 95 Synneris aboden me for to lese⁶ me: y vnderstood þi witnessyngis.
 96 I siz þe ende of al ende⁷: þi comaundement is ful large.

Quomodo dilexi legem tuam!

- 97 **L**ord! hou louede y þi lawe! al dai it is my þenkyng.
 98 Aboue myn enemyes, þou madist me prudent bi þi comaundement; for it is to me wiþ-outen ende.
 99 I vnderstood aboue alle men techinge me; for þi witnessyngis is my þenking.
 100 I vnderstood aboue elde men; for y souȝte þi comaundementis.

¹ Defecit in salutare tuum ² uter ³ fabulationes⁴ Nisi quod ⁵ humilitate ⁶ expectaverunt . . . ut perderent⁷ Omnis consummationis

- 101 I forbede my feet fro al yuel weie ; þat y kepe þi wordia.
 102 I bowide¹ not fro þi domes ; for þou hast set lawe to me.
 103 Thi spechis ben ful swete² to my chekis ; aboue hony to my moup.
 104 I vndurstood of³ þin hestis ; þerfor y hatide al þe weie of wickidnesse.

Lucerna pedibus.

- 105 Thi word is a lanterne to my feet, & liȝt to my pappis.
 106 I swoor, & purposide stidefastli,⁴ to kepe þe domes of þi riȝtfulnesse.
 107 I am maad low bi alle þingis, lord ; quykene þou me bi þi word !
 108 Lord, make þou wel plesynge þe wilful þingis⁵ of my moup ; & teche þou me þi domes !
 109 Mi soule is euere in myn hondis ; & y forȝate not þi lawe.
 110 Synneris settiden a snare to me ; & y erride not fro þi com-
 aundementis.
 111 I purchaside þi witnessyngis bi eritage wiþouten ende⁶ ; for þo ben þe ful ioiynge of myn herte.
 112 I bowide myn herte to do þi iustifyngis, wiþ-outen ende, for ȝelding.⁷

Iniquos odio habui.

- 113 **I** hatide wickid men ; & y louede þi lawe.
 114 Thou art myn helpere & my taker up ; & y hopide more⁸ on þi word.
 115 Ȝe wickid men, bowe away⁹ fro me ; & y schal seke þe com-
 aundementis of my god.
 116 Uptake þou me bi¹⁰ þi word, & y schal lyue ; & schende þou not me fro myn abiding.¹¹
 117 Helpe þou me, & y schal be saaf ; & y schal biþenke¹² euere in þi iustifyngis.
 118 Thou hast forsake¹³ alle men goynge away fro þi domes ; for þe þouȝt of hem is vniust.
 119 I arettide alle þe synneris of erþe brekeris of lawe¹⁴ ; þerfor y louede þi witnessingis.
 120 Naile¹⁵ þou my fleischis wiþ þi drede ; for y dredde of þi domes.

¹ declinavi	² Quam dulcia . . .	³ a	⁴ statui	⁵ Voluntaria
⁶ in aeternum	⁷ propter retributionem	⁸ supersperavi	⁹ declinate	
¹⁰ secundum	¹¹ ab expectatione mea	¹² meditabor	¹³ Sprevisi	
	¹⁴ Praevaricantes reputavi . . .	¹⁵ Confige		

feci iudicium.

- 121 **I** dide doom & riȝtfulnesse: bitake þou not me to hem þat
falseli calengen¹ me!
- 122 Take vp þi seruaunt in² to goodnesse; þei þat ben proude,
calenge³ not me!
- 123 Myn iȝe[n]⁴ failiden in-to þin helpe, & in-to þe speche of þi
riȝtfulnesse.
- 124 Do þou wiþ þi seruaunt bi⁵ þi merci; & teche þou me þi
iustifyngis!
- 125 I am þi seruaunt; ȝyue þou vndurstandinge to me, þat y kunne
þi witnessyngis.
- 126 Lord! it is tyme to do: þei han distried þi lawe.
- 127 Therfor y louede þi comaundementis, more þan gold & topasion.
- 128 Therfor y was dressid⁶ to alle þin heestis; y hatide al wickid
weye.

Mirabilia testimonia tua, domine!

- 129 **L**ord, þi witnessyngis ben wondurful! þerfor my soule souȝte
þo.
- 130 Declaryng of þi lawe liȝtneþ, & ȝyueþ vndurstanding to meke
men.⁷
- 131 I openyde my mouþ, & drowe⁸ þe spirit, for y desiride þi
comaundementis.
- 132 Biholde þou on me, & haue merci on me, bi⁹ þe doom of hem
þat louen þi name.
- 133 Dresse¹⁰ þou my goyngis bi⁹ þi speche, þat al vnriȝtfulnesse haue
not lordschip on me.
- 134 Aȝenbie þou me fro þe false calengis¹¹ of men, þat y kepe þin
hestis.
- 135 Liȝtne þi face on þi seruaunt; & teche þou me þi iustifyngis!
- 136 Myn iȝen ledden forþ þe outgoyngis¹² of watris; for þei kepten
not þi lawe.

Iustus es, domine!

- 137 **L**ord, þou art iust, & þi doom is riȝtful!
- 138 Thou hast comaundid riȝtfulnesse, þi witnessyngis;
& þi treuþe gretli to be kept.¹³

¹ calumniantibus ² MS. in in ³ calumnientur ⁴ Oculi mei
⁵ secundum ⁶ dirigebar ⁷ parvulis ⁸ attraxi ⁹ secundum
¹⁰ dirige ¹¹ a calumniis ¹² Exitus . . . deduxerunt
¹³ veritatem tuam nimis

- 139 Thi feruent loue¹ made me to be meltid; for myn enemyes
forzaten þi wordis.
140 Thi speche is gre[t]li set a fier²; & þi seruauant louede it.
141 I am zonge & dispisid; y forzat not þi iustifyngis.
142 Lord, þi riȝtfulnesse is riȝtfulnesse wiȝ-outen ende; & þi lawe
is treuþe!
143 Tribulaciō & aunguysche founden me; þin hestis is my
þenkyng.³
144 Thi witnessyngis is equitye wiȝ-outen ende⁴: ȝyue þou vndur-
standing to me, & y schal lyue.

Clamaui in toto corde.

- 145 **I** criede in al myn herte, 'lord, here þou me!' y schal seke þi
iustifyngis.
146 I criede to þee, 'make þou me saaf, þat y kepe þi comaunde-
mentis!
147 I bifore cam⁵ in ripenesse, & y criede; y hopide aboue⁶ on þi
wordis.
148 Myn izen bifore camen to þee ful eerli, þat y schulde biþenke⁷
þi spechis.
149 Lord, here þou my vois, bi⁸ þi merci; & quykene þou me bi⁸ þi
doom!
150 Thei þat pursuen,⁹ neizeden to wickidnesse: forsoþe þei ben
maad fer fro þi lawe.
151 Lord! þou art nyȝ; & alle þi weies ben treuþe.
152 In þe bigynnyng y knewe of þi witnessyngis; for þou hast
foundid þo wiȝ-outen ende.¹⁰

psalm: Vide humilitatem.

- 153 **S**e þou my mekenesse, and delyuere þou me; for y forzate not
þi lawe.
154 Deme þou my doom, and aȝenbie þou me; quykene þou me for¹¹
þi speche!
155 Helpe is fer fro synneris; for þei souȝten not þi iustifyngis.
156 Lord, [þi] mercies¹² ben manye; quykene þou me bi⁸ þi doom.
157 Thei ben many þat pursuen me, & don tribulacioun to me: y
bowide¹³ not away fro þi witnessyngis.

¹ zelus meus ² Ignitum . . . vehementer ³ meditatio ⁴ in aeternum
⁵ Praeueni ⁶ quia . . . supersperavi ⁷ meditarer ⁸ secundum
⁹ persequentes me ¹⁰ in aeternum ¹¹ propter ¹² Misericordiae tuae
¹³ declinavi

- 158 I siz brekers of þe lawe, & y was meltid, for þei kepten not þi spechis.
 159 Lord, se þou for¹ y louede þi comaundementis; quykene þou me in þi merci!
 160 The bigynnyng of þi wordis is treuþe; alle þe domes of þi riȝtfulnesse ben wiþ-outen ende.

psalm: Principes persecuti me.

- 161 **P**rincis pursueden me wiþ-outen cause²; & myn herte dredde of þi wordis.
 162 I schal be glade on þi spechis, as he þat fyndiþ many spuylis.³
 163 I hatide & wlatide⁴ wickidnesse; forsoþe⁵ y louede þi lawe.
 164 I seide heriyngis to þee seuene siþis in þe dai, on þe domes of þi riȝtfulnesse.
 165 Miche pees is to hem þat louen þi lawe; & no sclaunder⁶ is to hem.
 166 Lord, y abode þin helpe⁷; & y louede þin hestis.
 167 Mi soule kepte þi witnessyngis; & y louede þo gretli.⁸
 168 I kepte þi comaundementis & þi witnessyngis; for alle my weies ben in þi siȝt.

Intret⁹ deprecacio.

- 169 **L**ord, my biseching come nyȝ in þi siȝt! bi¹⁰ þi speche, ȝyue þou vndurstondyng to me!
 170 Myn axyng entre in þi siȝt! bi¹¹ þi speche, delyuere þou me!
 171 Mi lipis schulen telle out¹² an ympne, whanne þou hast tauȝt me þi iustifyngis.
 172 Mi tunge schal pronounce þi speche; for whi,¹³ alle þi comaundementis ben equitye.
 173 Thyn hon[d]¹⁴ be maad þat it saue me; for y haue chose þin hestis.
 174 Lord, y coueitide þin heelp; & þi lawe is my þenking.
 175 Mi soule schal lyue, & schal herie þee; & þi domes schulen helpe me.
 176 I errije as a schep þat perischide: lord, seke þi seruauȝt! for y forȝate not þi comaundementis.

¹ quoniam ² persecuti sunt me gratis ³ spolia
⁴ odio habui, et abominatus sum ⁵ autem ⁶ scandalum
⁷ Expectabam salutare tuum ⁸ vehementer ⁹ Appropinquet ¹⁰ iuxta
¹¹ secundum ¹² Eructabunt ¹³ quia ¹⁴ manus tua

[V] Endeles [reste] ȝyue hem, lord ;
 [R] And euerlastyng liȝt, liȝtne to hem !
 Lord, haue merci of us !
 Crist, haue merci of us !
 lord, haue merci of us !
Pater noster : Oure fadir [&c.].

psalm [139¹] : *Domine, probasti me.*

- 1 **L** Ord ! þou hast proued me, & hast knowe me ; þou hast knowe
 my sitting & my rising aȝen.
 Thou hast vnderstonde my þouȝtis fro fer ; [2] þou hast enquerid
 my þap & my coord.²
 And þou hast bifor seien³ alle my weies ; [3] for no word is in
 my tunge.
 Lo, lord, þou hast knowe alle þingis ; [4] þe laste þingis & elde.
 þou hast formed me, & hast set þin hond on me.
 5 Thi kunnyng is maad wondrousful of me ; it is confortid, & y
 schal not mowe⁴ to it.
 6 Whidur schal y go fro þi spirit ? & whidur schal y flee fro þi
 face ?
 7 If y schal stie to heuene, þou art þere ; if y schal go doun to
 helle, þou art present.
 8 If y schal take my feþeris ful eerli, & schal dwelle in þe laste
 partis⁵ of þe see,
 9 And sopeli⁶ þidur þin hond schal lede me forþ, & þi riȝt hond
 schal holde me.
 10 And y seide, 'in hap,⁷ derknessis schulen defoule⁸ me ; & þe
 nyȝt is my liȝtning in my delicis.
 11 For whi, derknessis schulen not be maad derk fro þee ; & þe nyȝt
 schal be liȝtned as þe dai ; as þe derknessis þer-of, so & þe
 liȝt þer[of].⁹
 12 For þou haddest in possessioun my reynes ; þou tokest me vp fro
 þe wombe of my modir.
 13 I schal knoueleche to þee ; for þou art magnified dredfuli¹⁰ : þi
 werkis ben wondrousful ; & my soule schal knowe ful myche.
 14 Mi boon, which þou madist in pryuyte, is not hid fro þee ; & my
 substaunce in þe lower parties of erþe.

¹ 138 Vulgate. ² funiculum ³ praevidisti ⁴ non potero
⁵ in extremis ⁶ etenim ⁷ Forsitan ⁸ conculcabunt
⁹ ita et lumen ejus ¹⁰ terribiliter

- 15 Myn izeu sizen myn vnparfit þing¹; & alle men schulen be writun in þi book, [16] þat is in þi kunnyng. daies schulen be formed; & no man is in þo.
- 17 Forsoþe, god, þi frendis ben mad honourable ful myche to me; þe priacehede of hem is confortid ful myche.
- 18 I schal noumbre hem, & þei schulen be multiplied aboue grauel.² y roos up, & ȝit y am wiþ þee.
- 19 For³ þou, god, schalt sle synneris: ȝe manquelleris, bowe away⁴ fro me!
- 20 For þei seien in þouȝt, 'take þei her citees in vanyte.'
- 21 Lord! where y hatide not hem⁵ þat haten þee? & y failide—þat is, mornede gretli⁶—on þi enemyes.
- 22 Bi parfit hatrede, y hatide hem; þei weren maad enemyes to me.
- 23 God, preue þou me, & knowe þou myn herte! axe þou me, & knowe þou my pappis!
- 24 And se þou if þe weie of wickidnesse is in me; & lede þou me forþ in euerlastyngge liyf!
- V7 Endeles reste, ȝyue hem, lord;
- [R7] And euerlastyngge liȝt, liȝtne to hem!
- [V7] From þe ȝate of helle,
- [R7] Lord, delyuere her soulis!
- [V7] I bileue to see þe goodis of þe lord,
- [R7] In þe lond of lyuyngge men.
- [V7] Reste þei in pees!
- [R7] Amen!

Orisoun: Tibi, domine, comendamus.

Lord! to þee we bitaken þe soul[is] of þi seruauantis, boþe men & wymmen; so þei þat ben deed to þe world, mowen lyue to þee. & alle þe synnes þat þei han don bi freelte of worldli lyuyngge, þou, lord, waische hem away, bi þe forȝyuenesse of þi moost merciful pitee, bi crist oure lord. amen!

Here enden comendaciouns [and the Mediaeval
Prayer-book proper].

¹ Imperfectum meum ² arenam ³ Si ⁴ declinate ⁵ nonne qui oderunt
⁶ et . . . tabescebam



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PREFACE.

SECTION I of the present volume, the Essay on the Origin of the Prymer, is from the pen of Mr. Edmund Bishop, to whom the grateful thanks of our Society are due. For all other matter I am wholly responsible.

Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Willett of Haywards Heath, for the kind loan of her valuable MS. York Prymer; to Dr. Furnivall, who has punctuated the present volume; to the Rev. Canon Christopher Wordsworth for his care in reading the proofs, and to many officials of various libraries, especially all those of the Department of MSS. in the British Museum, to whom for ever-ready aid in obscure readings, and unstinted labour in procuring frequently very many MSS. for examination at a time, for some years past, I am personally very greatly indebted.

Of works dealing with the subject of the Mediæval Prayer Book, I may specify the third volume of Maskell's *Monumenta Ritualia*; the volumes issued by and the property of Messrs. Longman, under the title of *The Prymer*; a little book by Mr. Athelstan Riley, restricted to the Hours of the Blessed Virgin, and two separate forthcoming works, respectively by the Rev. C. H. Evelyn-White and the Rev. Edgar Hoskins.

In the present volume I have endeavoured to *add* something to our knowledge of the subject, and to repeat as far as possible nothing hitherto published; and it will be noticed that I have attempted to treat only of the earlier or MS. copies of the Prymer.

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INTRODUCTION.

I.

On the Origin of the Prymer.

BY EDMUND BISHOP.

THE late Henry Bradshaw has given the following account of the origin of the Prymer :

"It is known that the layman's prayer-book (the *primarium* or *primer*, as it was called in England) consists, in its earliest form, of the Psalter and Litany, to which the Vigils of the Dead are commonly added. By the end of the 13th century, we find it consisting not of the whole psalter, but of the seven penitential psalms only, with the Litany and the Vigils of the Dead, and having prefixed to it what are known as the Hours of the Blessed Virgin (*Horae Beatae Mariae Virginis*). These hours seem to me to have originated in a special commemorative service to be used during Advent in connection with devotion to the Incarnation ; just as, still later, we find the Hours of the Passion (*Horae de sancta Cruce*) and the Hours of the Holy Ghost (*Horae de sancto Spiritu*) drawn up, apparently, as special commemorative services for use at Passiontide and Whitsuntide. As time went on, the constant public use of the full daily hour-service in church, at which all were expected to attend, fell off ; while the clergy, being bound in any case to say their hours, were allowed to repeat them privately. The laity were relieved from the use of the full hour-service of the Breviary, and these shorter commemorative services were then made of general application, instead of being supplementary devotions to be used merely during the season of the year to which they were especially appropriate. They thus came to be more constantly found in the layman's prayer-book. With the growth of the devotion to the Mother of our Lord, the *Advent*

One of Lewis's first measures was to build a monastery for thirty monks close to his own palace at Aachen, with a double object; first, that he might have Benedict as counsellor always at hand; secondly, this monastery of Inde or Cornelimünster was to serve as a model according to which others were to be reformed. And to compass the desired end, Lewis now gave him those general powers over the monasteries of his Frankish dominions which as king he had granted him for the reform of those of his realm of Aquitaine. The general scheme was this: all houses were to be reduced to an absolute uniformity of discipline, observance, even of habit, according to the pattern of Inde¹; visitors were to be appointed to see that the constitutions were strictly observed. The new scheme was to be launched at a meeting of all abbats to be held at Aachen in 817. But to plan is one thing, to carry into effect another. It is clear that, in the general assembly of abbats, Benedict, backed as he was by the Emperor, had to give up for the sake of peace, and in order to carry through substantial reforms, many details of observance by which he set great store. His biographer and friend Ardo, too, who knew everything by personal observation and at first hand, in a roundabout way and darkly gives this to be understood.² But the decrees of this meeting of Aachen, of which Benedict was as well the author as the life and soul, were a turning-point in the history of the order, forming the basis of later legislation and practice. After the great founder himself, Benedict of Nursia, no man has more widely affected Western monachism than did the second Benedict, he of Aniane.

We may now turn to the points which are of direct interest for the history of the *Prymer*. And first it is well to advert to a broad fact of general experience which may be said to constitute a law in the development of devotional forms and practices: the source of new forms of private devotion which become by and by popularized is in the religious orders. This holds good in regard to the monks of earlier days, the mendicants of the high tide of the Middle Ages, or the various institutes of clerks regular of modern times. Mr. Bradshaw very rightly says that the *Prymer* is the outcome not of the Divine Office, in its strict sense, but what he calls "supplementary devotions." It will be readily conceived that such devotional additions and accretions will not easily have found their origin with the secular clergy engaged in the active duties of the ministry, and

¹ pp. 215, 216, 217.

² p. 216.

generally dispersed, or at most but loosely organized ; whilst, on the other hand, such additions to the prescribed divine service almost inevitably must ensue upon the decrease of manual labour in the monasteries, such as had already taken place by the 9th century ; and any revival or reform of monastic discipline would in such circumstances be naturally accompanied, as a dictate of piety, by the adoption of novel and extraordinary devotional practices in addition to the traditional Office. And this was, in fact, the case with St. Benedict of Aniane in settling the practice of his pattern monastery of Inde. His biographer Ardo gives a detailed account of these additions. On going to the church for matins, he prescribed that the brethren should first visit all the altars, saying the Lord's Prayer and Creed at each altar ; and then, going to their places in the choir, each should privately recite fifteen psalms, divided into three sets of five, each set to be followed by a short prayer or collect relative to the intention for which the five preceding psalms had been said ; the first five for all the faithful living ; the second five for all the faithful dead ; the third five for all recently deceased. And then only, on the arrival of the officiant or hebdomadar, were matins to begin. He prescribed a second visit to the altars before prime, and a third after complin. At these two latter visits, the brethren were free to say either the Lord's Prayer or to make acts of contrition.¹

The devotional recital of the fifteen psalms before the Church office of matins, thus introduced, obtained a permanent footing in monasteries, and in the following century—the 10th—it was of universal observance among monks. The biographer of Benedict does not say in express words that these fifteen psalms were the fifteen gradual psalms (119 to 133 ; or 120 to 134 according to the Authorized Version), but in view of the invariable later practice, from the very first occurrence of definite statements on the subject, there can be no doubt that these were the fifteen actually prescribed, and said at Inde from the first institution of the devotion.

It is to be understood that what now follows has reference exclusively to practice in monasteries, and among monks. By the second half of the 10th century, as has been observed, the testimony of monastic custom-books is uniform, that the recitation of the fifteen gradual psalms before matins obtained everywhere. By what steps this uniformity was brought about there is, however, no evidence to show. But it seems certain that as late as the middle of the 9th

¹ p. 216 ; and p. 217, "Hic tribus per diem vicibus," &c.

century, two distinct and sharply antagonistic schools existed, the one favouring, the other opposed to, Benedict's innovation in this point. These schools are represented by two commentators on "the Rule" of "the Great Benedict" of Nursia, Smaragdus and Hildemar. The divergence between the two writers, and their different tendencies, come out clearly in their observations on the apparently simple direction of the eighth chapter of the Rule, that the monks "in winter should rise at the eighth hour." The case is not so simple as it at first sight might appear to us who are accustomed all the year round to "hours" of equal length, and fixed as to time, both night and day; whilst the length of the "hour" in the Rule varied continually throughout the year, according to the Roman reckoning, as the nights or days were longer or shorter. But this difficulty was not the point which divided Smaragdus and Hildemar; the discussion was only the opportunity for the former to make room for the new practice, and by a little prudent manipulation of terms to enable him to show that "eight" may conveniently mean "half-past seven."¹ Hildemar, whose book is a series of notes of lectures on the text of the Rule rather than a formal commentary, comes down on this artificial method with the sledge-hammer of common sense: "*Rise at eight o'clock of the night. What is it, rise at eight o'clock?* It is as if he said, 'neither before eight, nor after eight, but at eight precisely.'² But, for all that, the party represented by Smaragdus carried the day; a devotional current had set in which was to flow in increasing volume in the immediately succeeding centuries.

There is ground for supposing that the visits to the altars and the fifteen psalms were not the only additions which Benedict of Aniane had adopted and had desired to impose generally, although

¹ Migne, *Patr. Lat.*, 102, 829, 830.

² *Vita et Regula SS. P. Benedicti*, ed. Mittermüller (Ratisbonae, 1880), pp. 277, 278. The differences between the two schools were by no means confined to this point. A much more important matter, the partial substitution of the office of the clergy for the office prescribed by the Rule, seems to have been evidently favoured in practice by Benedict of Aniane. See Herrgott, *Vetus disciplina monastica* (Parisii, 1726), p. xxxvi, *seqq.* Hildemar, as might be expected, took the conservative view, and enforced it with no little vigour (p. 310, *seqq.*). The commentary which has been printed under the name of Paul Warnefrid, an earlier writer, but which is probably of a somewhat later date (*Bibliotheca Cassinensis*, t. IV, *Florilegium*, p. 94), runs on the same lines. These two writers represent the Italian conservative ideas, as opposed to Ultramontane innovations, taking up just the position of Monte Cassino towards Cluny a century or two later. The *Memoriale qualiter in Monasterio conversari debemus* represents the same conservative party, and it is not easy to see how it can have St. Benedict of Aniane for its author (as is assumed in the *Winchester Obedientiaries' Rolls*, p. 196).

in face of opposition he was unable to carry out his design. It seems not improbable that among the additions thus dropped was the regular recital of the office for the dead, which forms so important a part of the *Prymer*. The origins of this office are obscure; a recent writer has declared it to be purely Roman, and a creation of the beginning of the 8th century. Extant testimonies by no means warrant so confident a tone.¹ A document seemingly of the second half of the 8th century, detailing the observances of Monte Cassino, states that on the burial of a monk, the brethren after vespers (of the day, that is) recited for him the seven penitential psalms and the litany.² A document of the year 811 or 812, drawn up by the monks of Fulda and presented to Charles the Great, gives the following account of the offices for the dead as said in that monastery: (1) for deceased brethren, a commemoration twice a day, after lauds and vespers, consisting of the antiphon *Requiem eternam*, the "first part" of the psalm *Te decet hymnus Deus* (lxiv), a verse and collect; (2) on the first day of every month for the first abbat, Sturm, and the founders of the house, "a vigil and fifty psalms"; (3) on the anniversary of Abbat Sturm, "a vigil and the whole psalter."³ As the object of this petition of the Fulda monks to the Emperor was the maintenance of the discipline introduced by the first abbat, and he had drawn the observance prescribed by him from the monasteries of Rome and the neighbourhood, including the recently re-established Monte Cassino,⁴ it is probable that these offices of the dead, at least in a general way, represent practices prevailing in Italian monasteries also; although it is open to question what is here precisely meant by the word "vigil."

But it is certain that Benedict of Aniane had determined to intro-

¹ Batiffol, *Hist. du Bréviaire romain*, pp. 188-190. The author's best argument appears to lie in his personal and subjective appreciation of what the Roman office must have been, "dans son état le plus pur" when "dégagé de toute influence monastique." The reference "Amalar., *De ord. antiph.*, 65 et 79" settles nothing. So far as mere testimonies are concerned, it would not be difficult to make out a stronger case in favour of non-Roman than in favour of Roman origin. This is not the place to discuss the question; it is necessary, however, only too frequently to warn the reader against the positive tone of this writer on matters as to which either nothing is known or the evidence is of a doubtful and uncertain character.

² "Cum frater ad exitum propinquaverit, omnis congregatio ante eum psalmos decantet; illoque sepulto, post vesperum septem psalmos cum litanis omni corpore in terram prostrati decantent" (Hergott, *Vet. disc. mon.*, p. 3).

³ J. G. Eccard, *De rebus Franciæ Orientalis*, II, 72.

⁴ See the tenth article of the petition (p. 73), compared with Eigil's Life of Sturm (*Mon. Germ. hist.; Script.*, II, 371).

duce uniformity (a matter on which he laid the strongest stress)¹ in this detail also of the office of the dead, or the mode of its recital. On the accession of Lewis the Pious to the empire, it was very soon understood on all hands that Benedict would now have a free field and full powers for carrying out generally his own long-cherished plans. One abbat at least, though distant from the seat of government, the Abbat of Reichenau, an island on the Lake of Constance, had the wisdom to take time by the forelock, and set his house in order before the measures which he saw would be taken were promulgated, and the great scheme launched; lest the monastic visitors coming from Benedict with imperial command to settle the houses on the new model should find him unprepared. He accordingly sent two of his monks to Inde, to stay there, ascertain by practical experience the custom of that monastery, and report to him the chief points of observance that were to be insisted on, and changed in the old foundations. Their report² was drawn up certainly before 817, perhaps a year or so earlier. Of the twelve points of practice given in their report, there is one describing "how the vigil of the dead is celebrated" by St. Benedict of Aniane and his monks in the pattern monastery. "As soon as vespers of the day are over" (runs the document), "they immediately say vespers of the dead, with antiphons; and after complin, matins of the dead with antiphons and responsories, sung with full and sonorous voice and with great sweetness (*plenissime atque suavissime*); next morning, after matins of the day, lauds of the dead."³ Martene, without any ado, takes it for

¹ Ardo repeatedly returns to this point: "Ut autem sicut una omnium erat professio fieret quoque omnium monasteriorum salubris una consuetudo" (*M. G. SS.*, xiii. 215). "Perfectum itaque prosperatumque est opus [the Council of Aachen] . . . et una cunctis generaliter posita observatur regula, cunctaque monasteria ita ad formam unitatis redacta sunt, acsi ab uno magistro et in uno imbuerentur loco. Uniformis mensura in potu, in cibo, in vigiliis, in modulationibus cunctis observanda est tradita" (*ibid.*). "In habitu quoque dissimiles fecerat multorum consuetudo. . . . Quam ob rem vir Dei uniformem cunctis tenendum monachis instituit modum," etc. (p. 217). The "Goths" had been "the out" in the time of Charles the Great; they had their day gloriously under his son, and for the time were masters all along the line.

² Printed in Herrgott, pp. 19-21.

³ "Undecimo, ut defunctorum vigilia hoc modo eis celebratur. Vespera solito finita, statim vesperam cum antiphonis celebrant pro defunctis, et post completorium vigiliam cum antiphonis vel responsoriis plenissime ac suavissime canunt; et post nocturnos intervallo matutinos pro mortuis faciunt. Facto autem primo mane . . . missam celebrant pro defunctis publicam. . . . Qua per-celebata statim cantant primam, si fuerit tempus, aut certe tertiam" (p. 21). On "intervallo" Herrgott remarks: "that is, in the interval between matins and lauds of the day." As to this "interval," see the *Disciplina Farfensis* (Herrgott, p. 49-50), and the English *Concordia regularis* (in Reyner, *Apostolatus*, Pt. III, p. 81, l. 8). But this interpretation seems by no means sure;

granted that this means a daily recital of the office of the dead, after the regular Divine office;¹ reading the document as a whole, the general terms in which it is couched make this interpretation a possible one. And it is to be remembered that these monks of Reichenau are reporting to their abbat points of importance in which observance usual amongst them is to be altered. Still, the words as they stand by no means require such general interpretation to be put upon them; it is possible, for instance, that the novelty consisted in the mode of recitation. But if the devotional addition of the office of the dead daily was any part of Benedict's programme, it is certainly one of the items insistence on which he saw fit to give up when he met his brother abbats in general assembly at the great meeting held by order of the Emperor at Aachen in 817. This assembly passed some eighty resolutions, which were confirmed by imperial authority, prescribing points of discipline to be inviolably observed in all monasteries. It is worthy of note that more than one seems to be aimed at novelties favoured by Benedict. The fiftieth resolution relates to prayer for the dead, and is couched in these curiously impatient terms: "that, doing away with piecings up of the Psalter, the *psalmi speciales* be said for benefactors and the dead."² The "*psalmi speciales*" here mentioned are nothing else than the seven penitential psalms, which, it will be remembered, are specified in the Monte Cassino observance a few decades earlier. Another resolution of the meeting evidently contemplates the recital of some "office of the dead" after complin; it may be matins, as specified in the report of the two monks of Reichenau; but this recital is here certainly contemplated as only an occasional occurrence.³

A few years later, Amalar, a writer deeply concerned in the then fashionable liturgical movement, and admitted into the Emperor's confidence in this matter, tells us that the office of the dead was

it might be the interval between lauds of the day and prime (see *Capitula monachorum Sangallensium*, cap. xxxi, in Herrgott, p. 36); or, if we may judge from a later practice, both, according to the season of the year, as will be explained below.

¹ *De ant. Mon. rit.*, lib. I, c. 2, § 19, and c. 10, § 28.

² "De specialibus psalmis pro eleemosynariis et defunctis cantandis. Ut prætermisiss partitionibus psalterii, psalmi speciales pro eleemosynariis et defunctis cantentur" (Herrgott, p. 29). *Speciales psalmi* are the seven penitential psalms; besides Ducange, see *Concordia regularis* (in Reyner, III, p. 84, l. 24); and the Verdun St. Vannes customs in Martene, *De ant. Mon. rit.* (ed. Antv. 1764), 297 b, l. 20.

³ "Ut si necessitas poposcerit ob operis laborem, post refectionem vespertinam, etiam et in quadragesima pari modo, et quando officium mortuorum celebratur, priusquam lectio completorii legatur, bibant" (Herrgott, p. 25).

recited on the third, seventh, and thirtieth days after decease, but explains that different practices were followed in different places: (1) in some places, a commemoration was made for the dead at lauds and vespers, except in Eastertide and on feast-days; he evidently here has in view the practice explained in the Fulda memorial; (2) elsewhere there was a daily mass for the dead; (3) in some places, at the beginning of the month, "nine psalms and nine lessons and as many responsories are said for them."¹ Here nothing is said of either lauds or vespers of the dead, although he mentions them elsewhere;² nor does he apparently know, or at least think fit to mention, any addition daily of the devotional office of the dead to the traditional Divine Office of the day. Of course it will be understood that this office of the dead, which afterwards came to form part of the *Prymer*, is not a *Burial Service*; as indeed may sufficiently appear from what has been already said, and will be said in the sequel, as to its use. It is what its name calls it, an office of the dead and nothing more.

In spite of the silence on this point of documents, it is, after all, not improbable that Benedict of Aniane may actually have introduced and practised the devotion of a daily recital of the office of the dead; and for this reason. Some hundred and twenty or thirty years later, all extant testimony goes to show that the daily recital of the office of the dead as a supplement to the Divine Office was universally admitted among Benedictine monks; and there seems to be no other reasonable way of accounting for such a general observance, except on the assumption that it was in fact recommended by the example of a person of most widely reaching influence and authority (and no such person but the greatly-revered Benedict of Aniane occurs in that age); and that it was introduced in several and widely distant quarters simultaneously, so that it could spread gradually from many centres, as might well have happened after the Aachen meeting in 817.

But certain it is that the idea of these devotional accretions to the daily Divine Office started by Benedict of Aniane took deep root, and became imitatively expressed in ways of which he could have

¹ Amalar, *De ecclesiasticis observationibus*, lib. IV, c. 42 (in Hittorp, *De divin. eccl. offic.*, ed. 1610, col. 499, 500). Any obscurity of expression in this passage is cleared up by lib. II, c. 44 (*ibid.* c. 439). Amalar is of opinion that the office of the dead is framed on the pattern of the office of the last days of Holy Week (*i. e.* of the office of our Lord's passion and death).

² *De eccl. offic.*, lib. III, c. 4 (Hittorp, c. 452 D).

had no anticipation. It is not uncommon in a vague and general fashion to attribute the origin and spread of such accretions to the example of Cluny, the great prestige attaching to that name being doubtless a sort of convenient and handy means of solving any difficulty of the kind.¹ But in the present case this is to attribute to Cluny an influence which it obtained only at a later date; the practices are too widely observed to admit of such an explanation; and that monastery, in this matter, only went along with the prevalent current. Not merely do we everywhere find daily said in the monasteries, in the second half of the 10th century, the so-called *trina oratio*, or fifteen (gradual) psalms introduced by Benedict before matins, as well as the matins, lauds, and vespers of the dead, but also a new devotional office, evidently imitated from this latter, viz. the vespers and lauds of All Saints, said in connection with vespers and lauds of the day; and the seven penitential psalms and litany introduced after prime. In fact by this date, say 950—1000, with the exception of the office of the Blessed Virgin and the “commendations,” the whole groundwork of the *Prymer* (and something more, the office of All Saints) forms in the monasteries a series of supplemental daily prayers in addition to the old authorized, and still the only official service, the Divine Office of the day. The monks were not even content with this, but added after each of the hours certain psalms, two, three, or even more, for the lay benefactors and friends, *familiares*, of the monastic family, the abbey, which from their object came to bear the name *psalmi familiares*; besides a series of commemorations or suffrages of particular saints, the Holy Cross, or for peace, etc., etc. But with these further accretions, especially as the last-named have come in time to form a part of the Divine Office itself, we are not here concerned.

Still more; as if the recital of the fifteen gradual psalms before matins were not enough, in many monasteries thirty were now said during the winter half of the year with its long nights, viz. in addition to the fifteen gradual psalms those immediately following, Psalm 134 to the end of the Psalter.² The *Concordia regularis*, representing

¹ Much as “Fleury” is a name to conjure with among our modern writers who would account for the English monastic customs of the 10th century; though they would find some difficulty in giving a description from originals of the discipline of Fleury in that age apart from the English documents, the peculiarities of which the name of “Fleury” is invoked to explain.

² Psalms 148-150 were counted as one psalm; as indeed they are still so said at lauds.

the practice of English monasteries of about the middle of the 10th century, adopted another devotional expedient, viz. prefixing to the older *trina oratio*—the fifteen gradual psalms which were duly said—another, a preliminary, *trina oratio*. This was accomplished by dividing the seven penitential psalms, in imitation of the division of the gradual, into three sections, each section being followed by the Lord's Prayer and a Collect; the first three psalms being said *pro se ipso*; the next two, for the king and queen, and "familiaris," and *pro se ipso*; and the last two, for the faithful departed.

Of all extant monastic consuetudinaries of the 10th and 11th centuries, the *Concordia regularis* gives the clearest view of the way in which these devotional accretions were woven into the traditional Divine Office proper. The order varied according to the time of the year, and the varying length of day and night; consequently there is a winter and a summer practice. The winter half begins universally with 1st November. The time of change from winter to summer practice varied in different localities; in the *Concordia*, that is in England in the 10th century, the change was fixed at the beginning of Lent. In the following table the devotional accretions are printed in italics, so that it is possible to distinguish at once the Church's office from these voluntary, supererogatory additions. The day hours, terce, sext, none, and the evening complin, and the *psalmi familiares* are omitted, as they do not affect the question immediately under discussion, and would only serve to complicate matters already obscure enough, and so far hard to be understood that it is "scientific" method to disburden the subject of unnecessary technicalities, and reduce it, for non-specialists, to its simplest possible expression.

TABLE OF THE MORNING AND EVENING OFFICES

ACCORDING TO THE *CONCORDIA REGULARIS*.¹

SUMMER. (from caput Quadragesimae to 1 November.)	WINTER. (1 November to caput Quadragesimae.)
MORNING.	MORNING.
1. <i>Preliminaries (viz. the new 'trina oratio,' i. e. the seven penitential psalms divided into three sections, as explained above; and the older</i>	1. <i>Preliminaries (as in Summer).</i>

¹ SUMMER; *morning offices*: "Sic ad oratorium festinando . . cum summâ reverentiâ et cautelâ intrare ut alios orantes non impediat, ac tunc [1] flexis genibus in loco congruo et consueto, . . effundat preces magis corde quam ore . . . In primâ itaque oratione decantet tres primos pœnitentiæ psalmos (in

'trina oratio,' the fifteen gradual psalms also divided into three sections).

2. Matins of the day.
[3. Short interval.]
4. Lauds of the day.
[5. They go to another oratory.]
6. *Lauds of All Saints.*
7. *Lauds of the dead.*
[8. Interval, if not yet daylight.]
9. Prime.
10. *Seven penitential psalms.*
11. *Litany.*

EVENING.

12. *Preliminary private prayer (detail not specified).*
13. Vespers of the day.
14. *Vespers of All Saints.*
15. *Vespers of the dead.*
16. *Matins of the dead.*

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3. *Matins of the dead.*
4. *Lauds of the dead.*
5. *Lauds of All Saints.*
[6. Interval.]
7. *Private prayer (detail not specified).*
8. Lauds of the day.
9. Prime.
10. *Seven penitential psalms.*
11. *Litany.*

EVENING.

12. *Preliminary private prayer (detail not specified).*
13. Vespers of the day.
14. *Vespers of All Saints.*
15. *Vespers of the dead.*

The points of difference between summer and winter in the foregoing table, and their rationale, seem to be :

- (1) In the long nights, matins of the dead were thrown into the night ; in the long days into the day.
- (2) In summer, lauds of the dead and of All Saints, instead of

the second prayer, the next two ; in the third prayer, the last two ; then) residetibus cunctis in sedibus suis ordinatim, atque canentibus quindecim psalmos graduum singillatim, trinâ partitione ; . . . atque finitis eisdem [2] incipiant nocturnum (followed by *psalmi familiares*). Post hos psalmos [3] parvissimum, uti regula præcipit et totâ aestate convenit, fiat intervallum. [4]. Post hoc, sequantur diei laudes (and *psalmi familiares* after, with commemorations or suffrages). Post quos [5] eundem est (decantando antiphonam ad venerationem sancti cui porticus ad quam itur dedicata est) [6] ad matutinales laudes de omnibus sanctis. Post quos [7] laudes pro defunctis. Quod si luce diei, ut oportet, finitum fuerit officium, incipiant primam, absque tintinnabuli signo ; [8] sin autem, expectent lucem et pulsato signo congregentur ad [9] primam. (More *psalmi familiares* after prime ; and then) more solito [10] pœnitentiae psalmos percurrant. . . . His vero finitis [11] subsequatur letania, quam universi more solito prostrati humiliter, nullo excepto, signo pulsato, compleant (with the usual appendices). Quibus finitis vacent fratres lectioni," &c. &c. (Reyner, III, pp. 80, 81).

Evening offices : "Temperius agatur vespera, cujus signa dum sonant fratres post [12] orationem in choro . . . sedeant. [13] Vesperam vero cantantes, (thereafter two *psalmi familiares* are said). Vesperis dictis (and its suffrages, there follow) [14] vesperae de omnibus sanctis ; [15] et mortuorum ; [16] et vigilia usque ad Calendas Novembris" (*Ibid.*, p. 83).

WINTER ; *morning offices* : [1] as above in summer ; [2] "nocturnali peracto officio, et psalmis supradictis, [3] ac vigiliâ pro defunctis [4] cum laudibus suis, [5] atque matutinis de omnibus sanctis expletis, [6] fratribus psalmodiae deditis vel lectioni . . . intervallum usquequo luceat cum magnâ vigilantia custodiatur. A lucis crepusculo, dum editus signum pulsaverit ad ecclesiam universi conveniant, [7] factâque oratione [8] laudes psallant matutinales (and the suffrages or commemorations) ; quas sequatur [9] prima, [10] et speciales psalmi, [11] et litania. Post haec egrediantur ecclesiam" (*Ibid.*, p. 84).

Evening offices : As Nos. [12] to [15] in summer, above.

being said before the lauds of the day, were thrown after them, and a procession was made to another oratory—a change of place reasonably enough avoided in the cold winter nights.¹

- (3) The order of these supplementary lauds was different in summer and winter; the reason for this is probably one of the mysteries of “the Pye,” or rather the secret of its compiler.

Of the other printed monastic custom-books of the 10th and 11th centuries that of Udalric of Cluny, which dates more than a century later than the *Concordia*, is the only one which gives a fairly clear and connected account of the order of these services. It would not be easy to construct from the others, taken as they stand, a scheme with any certainty of being correct; the notices are merely incidental, and generally assume in the persons for whom they were written a practical knowledge of existing custom. But by the help of the table drawn from the *Concordia*, the interpretation of these consuetudinaries, in the matter in question, is easy enough; and their examination gives as a result that they all show a practically uniform observance in regard to the details under consideration.

Two points should, however, be observed:

- (1) The devotional accretions whereby the Divine Office was so greatly lengthened were not said in full in Eastertide or on feast

¹ The practice of saying the close of lauds and vespers in another oratory is of great antiquity. It is prescribed in section 69 of the Rule of St. Caesarius for nuns as printed by the Bollandists in connection with the life of St. Caesaria, 12 Jan.; a document which in any circumstances must represent a practice of the 6th and 7th century. The foundation of Pope Gregory III. at St. Peter's (Duchesne, *Lib. pont.*, I, 422, 423, cf. 417) is another version of the same custom, though restricted to the evening office. In the *Concordia* it is reserved for the morning, and for only half the year. Cluny maintained it at both lauds and vespers, and all the year round, as may be gathered from a comparison of the various 11th century customs of that house. The “porticus” at Cluny was the chapel of the Blessed Virgin (see Udalric, lib. I, c. 3 and 41, in Migne, *P. L.*, 149, 646, 686). Bernard of Cluny once incidentally mentions the custom (in Herrgott, p. 410, “Sed sciendum,” etc.). A century before these writers it was adopted from Cluny by Farfa (see the *Disciplina Farfensis* in Herrgott, pp. 50, 51, 60, 79, 80). As on the way the antiphon sung was “de sanctâ Mariâ” (p. 50), the “alius Chorus” at Farfa was doubtless the “Oratorium sanctae Mariae,” described, p. 87.—The Constitutions of William of Hirschan, drawn up after he had adopted the Cluny discipline, give the most detailed description (Herrgott, pp. 545, 547, 548), and show how extremely uncomfortable this following of the practices of venerable fathers of antiquity must have been for the sick monks: their chapel was the “other oratory,” and on the approach of the community in long procession, the *infirmi* were simply cleared out of it, to find refuge elsewhere as best they could (see also statute 61 of Peter the Venerable, Migne, *P. L.*, 189, 1042).

days of a high grade ; or speaking technically, they were only said in full on ferial days. It is to be remembered, however, that in the 10th and 11th centuries the feast days of a high grade were comparatively of rare occurrence.

(2) These accretions were not assigned to special seasons, or portions of the year, or treated as preparations for the great feasts, but were said on ferial days throughout the year.

It is well to recall at this point the items which up to this time have come before us :

- (a) The fifteen gradual psalms before matins (in some places increased to thirty during the winter, *i. e.* the long nights) ;
- (b) The penitential psalms and litany after prime ;
- (c) The office of the dead, vespers, matins and lauds ;
- (d) The office of All Saints, vespers and lauds ;
- (e) The *psalmi familiares*, said after all the hours.

All these before the close, perhaps by the middle, of the 10th century, obtained throughout the Benedictine monasteries of England, France, Germany, and doubtless Italy.¹ Themselves an imitation of the original Divine Office, or *cursus*, as it was from long tradition called, such offices as those of the dead and of All Saints, once fairly established, were in the then temper of men's minds sure to call forth imitations. And in fact ingenious piety invented many a new *cursus* ; those of the Blessed Virgin and of the Holy Cross² are the first to appear ; to which by and by were added those of the Incarnation, of the Holy Trinity, of the Holy Ghost. Each represented a special devotional attraction of some individual, and each was said in the same way which the customary recitation of the office of the dead and of All Saints had made familiar, *viz.* as a private daily devotional addition to the Divine Office itself, in strict

¹ Even where only a portion of these accretions is mentioned in any particular document in the 10th century, it is not safe to conclude from silence that the items not mentioned were not also said. Thus the life of St. John of Gorz (*M. G. SS.*, iv. 359) mentions only the "ternae orationes" of fifteen (in winter thirty) psalms ; and the seven penitential psalms and the litany after prime. The Verdun St. Vannes customs say nothing of these, but give details as to the daily offices of the dead and All Saints (Martene, *de ant. Mon. rit.*, p. 300 b). Yet there can be no doubt they both represent, in these details, the same stage and practice of the same monastic movement in two of the episcopal cities of Lorraine. The compiler of the Verdun customs, an interesting man, a physician, and an authority on diet, not to say on cookery, evidently looks back with pleasure, if not with regret, on the good old days before the "movement" began.

² See note 1, p. xxvi.

imitation of it, and, like the Office, as a *daily* exercise throughout the year.¹

Of these numerous later products of an exuberant piety only one—the office of the Blessed Virgin—was destined to take its place, as an additional *cursus* to the Divine Office, alongside of the office of the dead, and like it secure public recitation in the church, eventually ousting even in the monasteries the long-established older *cursus* of All Saints. It will be proper therefore to bring together here the scanty early notices of the office of the Blessed Virgin.

(1) The contemporary biographer of St. Udalric, bishop of Augsburg, who was provost of the cathedral, and knew the saint well in his later days, writes that, finding himself able by the Emperor's permission to throw off on his nephew the burden of the secular duties attaching to his high station, Udalric threw himself almost unreservedly into prayer and acts of devotion; unless interrupted by necessary duties, it was his custom to say the Divine Office daily along with the chapter in the choir of his cathedral; he also added thereto, as an act of personal and private devotion, "one *cursus* in honour of St. Mary, Mother of God; another in honour of the Holy Cross; and a third in honour of All Saints, besides the whole psalter daily."² This notice occurs almost at the beginning of the "Life"; but the work is written without regard to chronology, and from later notices as to the appointment of the nephew,³ it is clear that the passage just quoted must relate to quite the last years of Udalric's life, say about 970 or 971.

(2) In the chronicle of Hugh of Flavigny a story is told how it was the habit of Berengerius, bishop of Verdun (940—962), to go to the church to make long prayers before matins began, and how on

¹ So Franco, abbat of Lobbes, about the middle of the 12th century, "*nec enim communi horarum regularium vel cursuum debito contentus, Trinitatis insuper Incarnationisque . . . cotidianum devotum cursum frequentabat*" (*Gesta abb. Lob. in M. G. SS.*, xxi. 330). And at an earlier date St. Stephen of Grandmont, "exceptis enim ecclesiastico officii regularibus debitis . . . a prima die qua venit in eremum (in 1076) usque ad ultimum diem vite sue, ordinem de sancta Trinitate cum novem lectionibus et horis canonicis singulis diebus ac noctibus devotissime celebravit" (*Vita*, § 20, Migne, *P. L.*, 200, 1017-1018).

² "Ille vero quantum secularibus curis se absolutiorem esse pensavit, tantum se ipsum in Dei voluntate facere nitebatur obligatiorem. Cursus scilicet cottidianus cum matriculariis in choro ejusdem matriculae ab eo caute observabatur, quandocumque ei domi manendum aliae occupationes consenserunt. Insuper autem unum cursum in honore sanctae Mariae genitricis Dei, et alterum de sancta Cruce, tertium de omnibus sanctis, et alios psalmos plurimos, totumque psalterium, omni die explere solitus erat, nisi si eum impediret aliqua inevitabilis necessitas" (Gerhardi Vita S. Oudalrici Ep., *M. G. SS.*, iv. 389).

³ See the narrative, *ibid.*, p. 407, *seqq.*

one occasion in the darkness of the building, when entering the choir he stumbled over Bernerius, the provost of the cathedral, who was lying prostrate on the ground reciting the matin office (*matutinarium cursum*) of the Blessed Virgin.¹ The same story is told much more briefly by the somewhat earlier author of the *Gesta episcoporum Virdunensium*, who uses the expression that Bernerius was saying the "memory" of the Blessed Virgin (*Beatae Mariae memoriam celebrantem*).² But apart from the question that there can be hardly a doubt the same *thing* is meant, Hugh of Flavigny has more detailed and authentic sources of information (evidently the necrology of the monastery of St. Peter, called later St. Vannes, at Verdun, in which Bernerius became a monk).

(3) The Einsiedeln Customs, drawn up not long after the year 970, as it would seem, and certainly before 990 or 995, not only confirm the existence and the spread of such a *cursum* of the Blessed Virgin in Germany at this time, but they also show that the transition from the stage of a mere private devotion to an actual place in the public office in the church was already accomplished. They assign, for the period from the octave of Easter to Advent (provided the days were not occupied by a feast), a votive office (with three lessons) of the Holy Cross to Fridays, and one of the Blessed Virgin (also with three lessons) to Saturdays, apparently along with, and not in substitution of, the ordinary ferial office of those days.³ Of course this is different from the daily recital, after the Divine Office, which obtained somewhat later; but a step forward at the least is taken.

Soon after the middle of the 11th century, St. Peter Damian gives ample evidence that a devotional and private daily recitation of the office of the B. V. must have been commonly practised amongst even the secular clergy in Italy. He moreover specially mentions a case where, in a monastery, the custom was about the

¹ *M. G. SS.*, viii. 365.

² *M. G. SS.*, iv. 46.

³ "Per totam quinquagesimam paschalem (*i. e.* to the octave of Pentecost inclusive) infra ebdomadam fiant tres lectiones similiter; sexta quoque feria et septima, si sanctorum natalitia non affuerunt, de sancta Cruce et de sancta Maria tres eodem modo compleantur. Hoc quoque de sancta Cruce et de sancta Maria non dimittatur usque in Adventum Domini" (O. Ringholz, *Des Benediktinerstiftes Einsiedeln Thätigkeit für die Reform deutscher Klöster*, p. 41).—The *Concordia regularis* (p. 82), and Aelfric's Eynsham Customs (in Kitchin's *Winchester Obedientiaries Rolls*, p. 177), say nothing of an office, but prescribe for these days that the principal mass shall be of the Holy Cross, and the Blessed Virgin, deriving the practice doubtless from Alcuin, whose own prescription, it can hardly be doubted, was based on the devotion of the Anglo-Saxon Church before his days.

year 1053 introduced of saying the hours of this office in choir along with the regular office of the day.¹ From the terms which he uses (*novae adinventionis pondus*) it is clear that in Northern Italy, at least, this must have been at the time a hitherto unheard-of novelty. But it does not seem open to doubt that about this time at the latest, the practice must have been in vogue at Monte Cassino; for Peter the Deacon, the chronicler of that house, writing in the early years of the 12th century a commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict, narrates that Pope Zacharias (who died 752) imposed on the community of Monte Cassino a strict obligation always, as well in summer as in winter, to say before the night and day office, as soon as the brethren assembled in choir, the office of St. Benedict; and after the regular office, the office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And, as if to preclude all doubt as to the nature of these offices of St. Benedict, and the B. V., he describes them as being "offices of the seven hours" (*septem horarum officia*).² Whatever be thought of the account Peter gives of the origin of the "custom," it is certain that that custom must, when he wrote, have been already of long standing at Monte Cassino; during a couple of generations at least. And if the stringent terms which he uses in regard to the obligation raise some suspicion that there were grumblers who did not eye the custom favourably, yet it must have existed long enough for all knowledge of the precise circumstances attending its introduction to die out; otherwise his fellow-monks would have at once detected the error.

The schemes printed in the present volume³ are sufficient evidence that the office of the Blessed Virgin must have been used in

¹ See Batiffol, *Hist. du Brév. Romain*, pp. 185-186.

² See Martene, *de ant. Mon. rit.*, lib. I, c. 2, § 17. There can be no doubt as to the origin and authenticity of the passage. Ang. de Nuce (*Chron. Cassinens.*, 1668, app. p. 19) draws it from *Cod. Cassinens.*, 257, as to which see *Bibliotheca Cassinensis*, IV, *Florileg.*, p. 5, "Sub districto praecepto (writes Peter) Cassinensi congregationi Zacharias papa observare praecepit, constituens ut omni tempore tam aestatis quam hiemis ante nocturnale vel diurnale officium mox ut fratres in choro convenerint incipiant officium de sancto Benedicto; et eo expleto inchoent officium quod regula praecipit; adjuncto etiam sanctae Dei genitricis et virginis Mariae officio." Above he describes them as "canonica septem horarum officia in commemoratione B. P. Benedicti salvo eo quod in honore S. Dei Genitricis persolvi consuetudo est."—The author of the life of St. Stephen of Grandmont, recounting how the Saint said daily the office of the Blessed Virgin from the year 1076 onwards, counts it with the office of the dead as already in that neighbourhood an integral part of the Divine Office: "Ecclesiastici officii regularibus debitis, agenda videlicet diei et beatæ Mariae et fidelium defunctorum" (Migne, *P. L.*, 200, 1017).

³ See p. lxxv.

England at even an earlier date, whether in the form of a daily addition to the Divine Office, or as a votive office on Saturday does not appear. Apart from the probable evidence of date afforded by the volumes in which they are found (always uncertain and unsatisfactory, however, as such evidence must be, where mere undated handwriting has to be depended on), the statutes of Lanfranc are clear proof that such an office was not introduced into English monasteries by Norman monks;¹ nay more, they are proof too that, if it had been in use in England previously, it was abolished by the new-comers, the men of model observance, as mere Englishry. There can be little doubt that the offices of which the schemes are here printed are to be brought into connection with that spread of devotion to the Blessed Virgin which was so marked a feature of the English Church from the close of the 10th century to the Conquest; of which to this day the Feast of the Conception is speaking evidence, originating as it did (so far as the Western Church is concerned) in England, and spreading from thence over the rest of Europe; a devotion which was thrown into the background by the Norman Conquerors, but which, with the gradual recovery of Englishry, asserted itself again in the later Anglo-Norman days, and finally found its natural theological expression in the controversy between Nicholas, the monk of St. Albans, and the great St. Bernard.²

Cluny was somewhat late in admitting this office of the Blessed Virgin; and even when adopted, it did not enter into the round of daily devotion of the community. The fact is, Cluny had already overburdened itself with these accretions; worthy Udalric asseverates and vows that the monks bore it all with freshness, alacrity, and joy. That may be; but the reader who will have the patience to read him (and especially the 39th chapter of his first book) will be apt to think that he is himself very good evidence that the monks of Cluny monastery must have been pretty well breathless before they got to the end of the day.³ The office of the B. V. was first intro-

¹ The office of the Blessed Virgin is nowhere mentioned in Lanfranc's Statutes for Benedictines, which in more than one particular prescribe the contrary of older English customs in a way so express as to show that his directions are aimed at them in a prohibitory sense.

² See an article on the "Origins of the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin" in the *Downside Review*, v. (1886), p. 107 *seqq.* M. Vaucandard, the most recent historian of St. Bernard, has finally elucidated the theological question at issue between the English monk and the French saint.

³ Migne, *P. L.*, 149, 668, and cap. 41, 687-688; cf. stat. 31 of Peter the Venerable in Migne, 189, 1034.

duced by abbat Hugh (1049—1109), but he prudently restricted its recitation to the monks who were in the infirmary, and to the chapel of sick monks only. Cluny in its then mind could hardly subtract itself from the practice of a devotion which, to use a plain term, had become fashionable; and the infirmary chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, naturally recommended itself as a ground where, on the one hand, the need felt to be on a level with the times, and on the other the sheer impossibility of undertaking new devotional duties, could both be conveniently reckoned with. In the days of abbat Peter, some time before 1146 or 1147, the complin of the Blessed Virgin, which had not been hitherto said at Cluny, was added to the infirmary *cursus*.¹

With the 12th century, and the institution of the White Monks of the order of Citeaux, and the White Canons of the order of Prémontré, and the Black Canons of St. Augustine, a new period opens in the history of these accretions to the Divine Office. The White Monks and White Canons, who were the expression of the most ardent piety of the time, resolutely struck out a new line for themselves. They began by simply sweeping aside all these novelties, in each case with one exception. They cleared them out of the way, and reduced the Office to the early simplicity and straightforwardness² which from the time of St. Benedict of Aniane it had gradually lost through the heaping upon it of productions of devotion, privately commendable doubtless, but not always publicly prudent.

In their somewhat ruthless reform Citeaux preserved the daily recital of the office of the dead;³ Prémontré, of the office of the Blessed Virgin.⁴ But as it has happened before and since, new and powerful religious orders, which seem at first glance to carry all before them with a rush, are found in fact, when the whole length and breadth of the situation is patiently considered, to have exercised a less absorbing influence than the trumpet of common fame gives out. Citeaux and Prémontré were powerful no doubt, but the

¹ "Quidquid dicit conventus dicunt (infirmi); et, ex praecepto domni abbatis Hugonis, insuper omnes horas de sanctâ Mariâ (Bern. Clun., lib. I, cap. 23, in Herrgott, p. 189); see also the 60th Statute of Peter the Venerable, Migne, 189, 1041.

² This is clear enough on a comparison of chapters 68 and 74 of the original Customs of Citeaux (Ph. Guignard, *Monuments primitifs de la Règle Cisterciennne*, p. 161, 176) with the *Primaria instituta Canonicorum Praemonstratensium*, dist. I, c. 1, 2, in Martene, *de ant. Eccl. rit.* (Antv. 1764), III, p. 325.

³ *Consuetudines*, c. 50, in Guignard, p. 137.

⁴ "Post missam dicitur prima de Sancta Maria" (*Primaria instituta*, dist. I, cap. 2).

current was still set in the channel we have been following, and with a force they could not stem; with all their popularity and power, the direction of the future in this matter was not with them.

The Black Canons, as in their organization, so in their practice, adopted a directly contrary policy. The Cistercians and Praemonstratensians, imitating Cluny, though with modifications, were a highly centralized organization, having a personal head, the abbat of Citeaux or Prémontré, and a common centre, those abbeys themselves, wherewith the whole order was brought into continual and direct communication by means of frequent general chapters held in these mother-houses. The Black Canons adopted the older Benedictine system, with no necessary dependence on a central point, and no common head. Their houses assumed, therefore, more the character of diocesan institutions. And whilst Citeaux and Prémontré each drew up a complete set of office books to be copied down to every jot and tittle, and followed with minute exactitude in every house of their respective orders,¹ the devotion and piety of the Black Canons in their early fervour imitated as far as possible the practices to be found in the monasteries and churches of best-established repute in their own neighbourhood. Thus in the constitutions for these canons regular drawn up by Peter de Honestis, of the monastery of St. Mary de Portu near Ravenna, confirmed by Pope Paschal II. in 1117, which were very soon widely observed in Italy and Germany, it is prescribed, in regard to diversity of hours and offices, on ferial days, and Sundays, and feasts, etc., that as diversity of practice exists in different places, the local order and use of the more observant churches of the district should be followed.² He lays down the same practical rule, especially in regard to the various accretions to the Divine Office. "As regards the three prayers³ before matins, in

¹ For the condition of Cistercian office books in early days see *Vita S. Stephani Obazin.* in Baluze, *Miscellanea*, iv. 120 (original edition). Citeaux was more successful than Prémontré in securing uniformity; see the description of the "manuscript-type" in Guignard, *préf. p. v, seqq.* For Prémontré efforts, *M. G. SS.*, xxiii. 526, 585; xxiv. 655, 672.

² "Horarum autem et officiorum diversitas fit pro die, festo, hora et tempore. Aliter enim fiunt diebus ferialibus, aliter diebus dominicis," &c. &c. "Verum in aliquibus horum, plurima quorundam officiorum pro temporibus diversis et locis invenitur varietas, quam in singulis partibus majorum ecclesiarum et rectiorum usus edoceat" (*Regula Portuensis*, lib. III, c. 8; in Amort, *Vetus disciplina Canoniorum*, Venet., 1747, p. 369).

³ That is, three preliminary short prayers often said before the 15 psalms, corresponding to the 7 penitential psalms with collects before matins in the *Concordia*. See such prayers in Hergott, pp. 593-4, from a Monte Cassino Breviary of the 11th century.

the morning before prime, and at night after complin; the gradual psalms; the lauds and vespers of All Saints; the hours of the Blessed Virgin, if the devotion of the brethren observes them (*si fraterna devotio habeat*); matins, lauds, mass, and vespers for the dead; the penitential psalms in the morning; and the *psalmi familiares* after the hours, and whatever other things are necessary, let the use, order, and custom of those who have gone before us inculcate what is to be done.”¹

Other Constitutions were drawn up for the Black Canons about the same time by Manegold of Lauterbach, a man influential and revered, who had been deeply concerned in the ecclesiastical politics of the day, and so formed a contrast to “Peter the sinner, clerk, with his brethren,” who were the authors of the Ravennese code. Manegold’s compilation was primarily designed for the monastery of Marbach in Alsace, which he had founded, but it soon obtained wide acceptance elsewhere. He mentions as of daily observance the *trina oratio*, to be followed by the fifteen gradual psalms, before matins; the office of the dead; the office of the Blessed Virgin, the hours of which were to be said after the relative hours of the ordinary office; the seven penitential psalms and litany after prime.² In these German Constitutions, the vespers and lauds of All Saints, mentioned in those of S. Mary de Portu, have fallen out, and the office of the Blessed Virgin is assumed to be generally said; whereas the Italian Peter de Honestis has, with regard to this latter, a limitation (*si fraterna &c.*) showing that in many monasteries at the least it was not said in his neighbourhood.

So far the discussion has been concerned with the religious orders. It remains to consider briefly the adoption of these devotional accretions in their public service in the Church by the secular clergy, viz. those who may specifically and absolutely be called

¹ *Reg. Portuens.*, lib. III, c. 17, in Amort, p. 373.

² In Amort, pp. 386-387; see also §§ 12, 18, 24, 35, 37, 50, 52; less correctly from another manuscript in Martene, *de ant. Eccl. rit.*, III, 306 *seqq.*—S. Stephen of Obazine and his companions used all these accretions (including both the hours of the Blessed Virgin and of All Saints) whilst they were still seculars, and before they had made up their minds to join themselves to a religious order (*Vita* in Baluze, *Miscell.*, IV, 80-81; the passage does not occur in the abridged Life in the Bollandists). The compiler of the *Ordo divini officii* in Amort, p. 932 *seqq.* is a strong orthodox Romanizer, as appears from his frequent quotations from the *Micrologus* (*i. e.* Bernold of Constance), and he consequently has but small liking for these novel accretions; he mentions, however (lib. VIII, c. 5, p. 1046), the 15 gradual psalms, and (lib. VII, c. 22, p. 1042-3) the daily office of the dead.

"the clergy" proper, *i. e.* all clerics who do not belong to a religious order.

It has been already pointed out, that the spread of "devotional" practices is, as a general, if not universal, rule, from the religious orders to the clergy. Just as in earlier centuries, six and seven hundred years or more before, the clergy adopted matins from monks first as a matter of devotional imitation, and found them at length imposed as a duty and obligation, it was inevitable that the accretions to the Divine Office, which began from the time of Benedict of Aniane, should be taken up by the secular clergy and become at length a part of the daily *pensum*. In view of the unvarying tenor of the story, whether in ancient days or modern times, the wonder is that the clergy did not adopt these at an earlier date than that when they were actually received in non-monastic churches. The office of the dead seems to have been the first item of these offices of supererogation to make its way into the office as publicly said by the clergy.¹ It is, of course, to be understood that this item, as well as the rest later, was not imposed by some general order, but was adopted or not in particular churches according to the discretion or the zeal of individual bishop and individual chapter. When once, however, the current set in that direction, it was only a question of time that the whole of these additions would be publicly said, and become of obligation by and by from mere custom in the churches of the secular clergy no less than in those of monks and regular canons. The Black Canons, without design, but in practice, were just the means whereby these monastic observances might be expected to be the more quickly communicated to the cathedral and collegiate churches, and the secular clergy at large. For whilst now forming a religious order in the strict sense of the word, and adopting the devotional practices usual among the monks, they still remained themselves clerics, and professedly a part of the clerical, not the monastic body, and were designed by their very

¹ Batiffol, *Hist. du brév. Rom.*, p. 190, quoting John of Avranches, who wrote between 1061-67, and gives the custom at least in Normandy. In Germany the practice must have found its way into some cathedral churches a century earlier, *e. g.* Augsburg: "aliis orationibus firmiter insistebat (sc. Udalr. episc. Augustens.) usque dum signum ad vigiliis defunctorum sonaret; quo audito statim surrexit et cum fratribus vigiliam celebravit et primam. Prima vero expleta, fratribus solito more crucem portantibus, ipse remanens in aeclesia," etc. (*Vit. S. Oudalrici Augustens.* in *M. G. SS.*, iv. 391). The whole context shows that the *fratres* in question were the cathedral chapter, and the *ecclesia* the cathedral church.

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institute to take a share in the pastoral and other ministerial duties incumbent on the secular clergy. And, as an accident, the simple and unassuming character of their piety contributed to recommend their practices to the favourable notice of their clerical brethren.¹

How, and by what steps, and when, in different localities they were in fact received, it would be possible to state only after an examination, impracticable at present for any individual, of the extant early cathedral statutes and ordinalia. But it was certainly in the course of the 12th and 13th centuries, for the most part perhaps even in the 12th, that the change took place.² And it was thus coincident with the general settlement of cathedral chapters on the new model, and with the erection of new and more magnificent cathedral churches, an occasion which would be taken advantage of, there is every likelihood for expecting, to revise the Church books and ceremonies. By the end of the 13th century, at the very latest, the process must have been complete.

Unfortunately no formal directory or ordinal of so early a date exists for any English cathedral. But there are in various documents scattered indications, each one slight enough in itself, but in fact sufficient to make it reasonably sure that the accretions, even as a whole, may have formed part of the public office as said in our English cathedral churches as early as the first half of the 13th century. Thus an incidental notice in the Sarum tractate *de officiis*, dating at the latest about 1230, shows that the offices of the dead

¹ The writer of the history of the foundation of Llanthony might be considered a partial witness. But the highly critical "Burnellus," who saw through the weaknesses of every order, and especially of the "canons secular," cannot be gainsaid (see *Nigelli Speculum Stultorum* in Wright's *Satirical Poets of the Twelfth Century*, i. 93; the author, Nigel "Wireker," the Canterbury monk, was own brother to no less a personage than the powerful Chancellor, William Longchamp, Bishop of Ely).

² A Rheims Ordinale at the British Museum (MS. Reg. 11, B. xiii), of early 13th century, shows the devotional offices of the dead, of All Saints, and of the Blessed Virgin, as already established in that church. A Treves Ordinale of about the latter half of the same century (Harl. MS. 2958) mentions none of these; only the fifteen gradual psalms after prime (apparently in Lent only). Also in Lent, besides many psalms and preces of no account here, the seven penitential psalms at prime; and during the whole year (including Lent) on ferias, one of the seven penitential psalms after each of the hours. Possibly also, in Lent, before prime, the matins of the dead: "ante primam cantande sunt vigilie cum novem lectionibus per totam quadragesimam" (f. 22, b.). These two Ordinalia show very well the different ways in which different secular churches approached the adoption of these devotional accretions as a whole.

It is to be observed that the vespers and lauds of All Saints never gained any general acceptance in secular churches, and indeed from this time forward gradually fell into disuse in the monasteries themselves. So that at the time of the formation of the *Prymer*, this office was not a commonly current devotion.

and of the Blessed Virgin were then daily said in the church of Salisbury.¹ The customals of Lincoln cathedral, dating from the third quarter of the 13th century, show that the daily recital of the office of the Blessed Virgin was the settled practice of that church.² Of devotional accretions to the office, the statutes of St. Paul's, drawn up before the year 1305, mention the office of the dead, the fifteen psalms, and the commendations.³ It is to be observed that these are mere chance notices, and seeing that the whole body of accretions are found at a later date in the Sarum books, there is little reason to doubt that all the items had here, as elsewhere, found admission by the beginning of the 14th century, although only some of them are specifically mentioned in the fragmentary records of that age which have survived to the present day.⁴

It does not, of course, follow that each item was assigned exactly to the same place as that in which it is found in the table from the 10th century *Concordia*, given above. With a general liturgical uniformity in the West during the middle ages, there existed an infinite variety in point of minute and indifferent detail. Thus a competent and well-informed liturgist of the second half of the 14th century was able to say that the daily recital of the offices of the Blessed Virgin and of the dead was now obligatory on all, and that by virtue of the general custom of all nations. By the laudable practice of many, other particular offices are also observed, as the penitential and gradual psalms, and so forth. The vespers and matins of the dead are (he says) generally said in the evening, and lauds next morning, after lauds of the day. The office of the Blessed Virgin was usually said before each hour of the regular office, except complin; but the Franciscans say matins, lauds and vespers before matins and vespers of the day, and the other hours after the relative hour of the day. Some religious and seculars said the fifteen psalms, according to the original institution, before matins;

¹ Section 52 (in Rock's *Church of our Fathers*, IV, 2, p. 36; *Registrum S. Osmundi*, ed. Jones, I, p. 90).

² H. Bradshaw and Chr. Wordsworth, *Statutes of Lincoln Cathedral*, I, 289, 290, 385. Office of B. V. at Wells in 1207 (*C. M. Church Early History*, p. 73).

³ Sparrow Simpson, *Registrum Statutorum eccl. cathedr. S. Pauli Londoniens.*, pp. 47, 54—56.

⁴ A reference to the so-called "Antiphonar" of Hereford in the Cathedral library would be here desirable, as it seems to be of the 13th century. It is unnecessary to cite later books, e. g. at Exeter, Hereford: the detail can be easily filled up. For York the sources seem curiously defective, on account especially of the paucity of interesting rubric in the York Breviary; but see vol. i. p. 213. It will be enough for the present purpose to follow up Sarum.

others divided them into five groups of three, and said them after the five lesser hours of the office of the Blessed Virgin; some said the penitential psalms after prime; others omitted them; others said them after prime, but only in Lent, a restriction first introduced into the Papal Chapel by Innocent III., and adopted by the Franciscans, although this practice is designated as exceptional.¹

The following table will show the Salisbury custom and accommodation of these devotional additions to the regular and traditional Divine Office proper.² The gradual and penitential psalms were said on ferias in Lent only; the fifteen gradual psalms, followed by the Litany, after terce; the penitential psalms were divided over the hours of the day, and one each was said after lauds, prime, terce, sext, none, vespers, complin.

FERIAS OUT OF LENT.

1. Vespers of the day.	4. Matins and lauds of the day.
2. <i>Vespers of B. V.</i>	5. <i>Matins and lauds of B. V.</i>
3. <i>Vespers and matins of dead.</i>	6. <i>Lauds of the dead.</i>

FERIAS IN LENT.

1. Matins and lauds of the day.	said before mass of the day. After mass of the day—
2. <i>Matins and lauds of B. V.</i>	10. <i>Vespers of the dead.</i>
3. <i>Lauds of the dead.</i>	11. Vespers of the day.
4. Prime.	12. <i>Vespers of the B. V.</i>
5. <i>First penitential psalm.</i>	
6. Terce.	
7. <i>Fifteen gradual psalms.</i>	
8. <i>Litany.</i>	
9. <i>Second penitential psalm.</i> The rest of the penitential psalms distributed as explained above. Sext and None	

IN THE EVENING.

13. *Matins of dead.*
14. Collation.
15. Complin of day.

¹ See Radulphus de Rivo, *de Canonum observantia liber*, in Hittorp (ed. 1610), col. 1145; 1146 (office of dead); 1146-7 (office of B. V.); 1148, 1183 (the 15 and 7 ps., litany, etc.); 1137 (lenten additions).

² It is drawn up on the prints of Procter and Wordsworth (P.), and Seager (S.); the rubrics of the latter's "MS. L." are useful for clearing up some obscurities of the printed breviaries.

For the office of the dead, see P., vol. II. p. xlv, xlvii, xlix, dxcii, dxciii, dxciv; S. fasc., I, p. lv.

For the office of the Blessed Virgin, see S., fasc. 2, § 115 (p. 174), 125 (p. 178); p. xlv, xlvi, xlvii, xcvi, and p. xii of the third pagination. I do not understand the explanation given in the Index of vol. II. of P.: "Mattins and Vespers of S. Mary were said in choir before those of the day; the other hours of the Virgin after the day hours" (p. mdxxi). According to Radulphus de Rivo, this was the use of the Franciscans, but it does not appear to be the practice described in the Sarum rubrics.

For the gradual psalms and litany: P., vol. II. dlxxxix, dxc, dxc i; vol. I. p. 249.

For the penitential psalms: P., vol. II. dlvii, dlxxxviii.

For the commendations: P., vol. II. xlviii, xlix, dlxxxix.

The *other hours of the Blessed Virgin* were recited out of choir; prime, terce, sext, and none in the chapel of B. V. before the Lady Mass; complin was said by each one privately after complin of the day.

Having followed up the story of the particular items of which the *Prymer* in its groundwork is made up, we are now in a position to answer the question—What was the relation of this favourite lay-folks' prayer-book to the authorized and official service books of the Church? The answer is that the *Prymer* consisted of those devotional accretions to the Divine Office itself, invented first by the piety of individuals for the use of monks in their monasteries, which accretions were gradually and voluntarily adopted in the course of two or three centuries by the secular clergy so generally, that by the 14th century they had, by virtue of custom, come to be regarded as obligatory, and practically a part of the public daily (or only Lenten) office itself. These accretions, besides the Litany, fall into two classes: (1) mere special psalms, gradual, penitential, the commendations; (2) offices (of dead, of B. V.) framed on, and following, the model of the hours of the Divine Office.

“If a man took the *Prymer* to church, would he hear the same service, or set of services, in Latin?” The foregoing table from the Sarum books gives a sufficient reply. So far as the items printed in italics are concerned, he would find them in the *Prymer*; but it is to be added, that he would hear them said with much less solemnity than those portions not in italics, which constitute the old office proper.

It may be further asked—How came precisely the accretions to be taken for the basis of the *Prymer*, and these only? Quite apart from a fact which experience shows to be true, viz. that the popular instinct always seizes on the devotional, and if possible the latest devotional, accessory, it seems easy to explain the original constitution of the *Prymer* on other grounds. There is a constant desire in a certain set of lay folk to imitate the clergy as far as they can; and this tendency is not restricted to any particular class or period. An observant foreigner travelling in England nearly four centuries ago, noted it among our own people. The instance he records aptly illustrates the very subject under discussion. “Although Englishmen (he writes) all attend mass every day, and say many Paternosters in public, the women carrying long rosaries in their hands, and those who can read carry with them the office of Our Lady, and say

it in church in a low voice with some companion, verse and verse after the manner of churchmen, they always hear mass on Sundays in their parish church," etc.¹

The perplexing intricacies of the Breviary, with its continually varying texts, apart from its size, put an adaptation of the old daily office for common use out of the question. But the accretions, now by this time popularly looked on as an integral part of the office, afforded just the material that was wanted. They were, with the exception of the office of the Blessed Virgin, invariable. This latter, in the Sarum (and other) books, does indeed vary with the season of the year; so that on referring to a Breviary, the enquirer must not expect to find the office exactly the same as that found in a *Prymer*. But the variants of the seasons are not so considerable as to have made it otherwise than easy for the compiler of the *Prymer* to frame, what was convenient for his purpose, an invariable office. Looking at the book as a whole, we cannot but be struck with its appropriateness for the end in view. What could appeal more directly to the devout and pious mind than these psalms of degrees, these psalms of penitence, or that wonderful 118th psalm, which constituted not merely the Sarum "commendations," but also the day hours, prime and terce, and sext and none, said in every secular church, said by every secular priest, day by day and all the year round throughout England? Or again, what more readily appealed to men in those days than the offices which were the expression of devout reverence to the Spotless Mother of our Divine Lord, of piety and duty towards those who have gone before, to rest, we would fain trust, in the sleep of peace?

And this recalls me to the quotation with which I began. After what has been said it seems to me that there is no need to criticize it in detail, and indeed it seems to me to be wrongly conceived in nearly every point of detail throughout, especially as Mr. Bradshaw himself seems to have regarded his theory rather as a *ballon d'essai*. Should, however, any one else take up the same thesis, I will endeavour to give satisfaction on each point. There can be no need to add words of explanation why the *Prymer* in English makes its appearance in the 14th century,—possibly in the second half rather than in the first.

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¹ *Italian Relation of England* (Camden Society), p. 23.

II.

Some Historical Notes.

FROM the fact that almost all mediæval prayer-books in MS. or in print agree in containing a definite series of devotions with or without certain varying additions, we may feel sure that but one prayer-book was in common use in the Middle Ages. We may believe this book to have been known as the *Prymer*, for the early printed copies bear that title, and the prayer-book is almost invariably alluded to in mediæval documents as the *Prymer*, or its Latin equivalent, *primarium*. The book is met with in Latin, in English, and in both languages. The MS. copies (I do not propose to go into the matter of the printed versions) contain almost invariably, often with additional matter—

1. The Hours of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
2. The 7 Penitential Psalms.
3. The 15 Gradual Psalms.
4. The Litany.
5. The Office for the Dead.
6. The Commendations.

Distinction between the Prymer and its additions.—The following extract points to the distinction between the contents of the *Prymer* proper and the additions which it at times contained :

“ my prymere with the saw-
ter and opere praiers.”

Somerset House Wills, Wattys, leaf 219, A.D. 1479.

The Uses and Classes of Prymers.—The word Use is a liturgical term, meaning the customary use or arrangement of the public services of a diocese. And this arrangement, carefully laid down in the service books of any particular diocese, yet remains, with a few exceptions, to be really investigated. We may speak therefore

of a York, or Sarum, or Hereford book, but it does not follow that the Use is co-terminous with the limits of a diocese, or that its use is inevitable throughout the diocese. The Use of Sarum is generally considered to have extended far, and this is strongly supported by remaining Prymers—most of them follow the Sarum arrangement.

As time goes on, and a more thorough knowledge of Prymers and service books generally is obtained, a better classification of all will be laid down; but, in the meantime, the following attempt will be found useful:

- I. Latin versions, some having the Hours noted as according to Sarum Use. These books may be taken to form by far the main body of mediæval Prymers remaining.
- II. Latin versions, with the Hours noted as *secundum usum* or *consuetudinem Anglie*. These books, in every respect, follow the text of No. I.
- III. English versions, following very closely indeed to Nos. I and II, but with some slight variations.
- IV. English versions, following in the main Nos. I and II, but with fewer Memorials in the Lauds of the Hours, a distinctly shorter Litany, and some other slight variations. To this class our text belongs.
- V. Latin versions, according to the Use of York. At present only three MS. Prymers of this Use are known, one in the British Museum, one in the Library of York Minster, and one in the possession of Mrs. Willett, Cudwells, Lindfield, Hayward's Heath. In none of these books is the order of contents quite that commonly met with.¹

¹York Prymers.

British Museum, Harleian MS. 1663, alluded to as H.

Size, A little thick book.

Binding, Modern.

Illumination, None.

Date, Less early in the century than M (on Mr. Warner's authority).

Condition, Good, but much used.

CONTENTS.

1. The Calendar	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 1.
2. The Hours of the Blessed Virgin Mary	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 7.
3. The 7 Psalms	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 47.
4. The Litany	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 58, bk.
5. The Office for the Dead	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 70.
6. The Commendations	...	...	...	...	...	lf. 123.
7. The Psalms of the Passion	...	...	...	...	...	leaves 141-148.

VI. Latin versions with rubrics.

To the above we may add

The Use of Hereford. Though at present, so far as I am aware, no copy of this Use, MS. or printed, is known, we

Mrs. Willett's, alluded to as W.

Size, A little book.

Binding, Modern.

Illumination, None.

Date, Less early in the century than M (on Mr. Warner's authority).

Condition, Good, but much used. The soiling of the lower corners of the leaves, due to continued holding of the volume in use, forms an interesting feature.

CONTENTS.

1. The Hours of the Blessed Virgin Mary		lf. 1.
2. The 7 Psalms		lf. 30.
3. The Litany		lf. 39.
4. The Office for the Dead		lf. 48, bk.
5. The Commendations		lf. 80, bk.
6. The Psalms of the Passion followed by a V ⁷ and R ⁷ ...		lf. 91, bk.
7. A Prayer, <i>Domine ihesu criste fili dei uiui</i> , qui etc.		lf. 97.
8. The 15 Psalms		lf. 98.
9. Two prayers, <i>Aue ihesu criste</i> , <i>uerbum</i> etc., and <i>Aue lux mundi</i> , etc.; A memorial of Archbp. "scrupe"; Part of St. John's gospel; Two prayers, <i>Deus qui manus</i> , etc., and <i>O intemerata</i> , etc.; A memorial of St. Anne; The 15 O'es; A prayer, <i>Gracias tibi</i> , etc.; Memorials of St. Blase, the Name of Jesus, St. Stephen, St. William, St. Peter, St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Ninian, St. Laurence, and St. John of Beverley	 leaves 101-125.	

The York Minster MS. 16 G 5, alluded to as M.

Size, Quarto.

Binding, Modern.

Illuminations, Several, but of little merit; others from other books have been pasted in.

Date, Early 15th century (on Mr. Warner's authority).

Condition, Good, but much used.

CONTENTS.

1. On fly-leaf, post-Reformation insertions.	
2. Calendar.	
3. "York Hours of the Cross" (See <i>Lay-Folks' Mass Book</i> , E. E. T. S.)	 lf. 1.
4. Hours of the Blessed Virgin Mary	 lf. 2, bk.
5. Various devotions	 lf. 25, bk.
6. The 7 Psalms	 lf. 31.
7. The Litany	 lf. 37.
8. The 15 Psalms and the 117th psalm	 lf. 43.
9. The Psalms of the Passion	 lf. 45.
10. Two Memorials	 lf. 52.
11. The Office for the Dead	 lf. 52, bk.
12. The Commendations	 lf. 66, bk.
13. Numerous devotions	 leaves 75-112.

Printed York Prymers will be found at Ushaw College, near Durham; Lincoln Cathedral; York Minster; St. John's College, Cambridge; and Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

this we may in a measure set the following extract, which is however an extremely rare instance. Indeed, amongst many hundreds of bequests of Prymers I can recall no other of a similar character.

“Item lego Isabellæ Roos unum Primarium de Sancto Spiritu.”—*Test. Ebor.*, Pt. 11, p. 65.

The following is a curious reference to the *Prymer*. After some inquiry I am still unable to explain it; the reading may, I believe, be relied upon:

“a Prymor whiche is called my Bretar’ (*sic*) boke.”
Test. Ebor., v. 4, p. 274 (A.D. 1507).

On the question of the pronunciation of the name Dr. Furnivall writes: “The old spelling *primmer* that occasionally turns up, shows how the word was pronounced. I never heard primer till a few years ago, when the shilling primmers were started; and then folk thought they were for cramming or priming boys for examination.”

It is unfortunate that MS. Prymers should, in Libraries, be classed as Books of Hours, or Horæ. The MSS. so called, whether they contain the common contents of the *Prymer*, or whether they contain any kind of Hour Office, are as a rule all classed together under that heading, though in most cases they prove to be Prymers. Many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of instances occur of mediæval allusions to the *Prymer*, *Primer* or *Primarium*; but there are, I think, very few contemporary allusions to Books of Hours or Horæ.

Earliest mention of the Prymer.—The earliest mention of the book, yet available, is perhaps the following, where a lady leaves a

“Primer which was my sister Margaret’s.”
Gibbons’s Early Lincoln Wills, under date 1323.

Foreign Prayer Books.—A similar book was in use in the middle ages on the Continent, and the list of its contents will, I think, be found the same, if we except the Gradual Psalms.

A Prymer now in a Parish Church.—In the library of the parish church at Tiverton is preserved a Latin version of the *Prymer*. Through the kind help of Canons Edmonds and Hingeston-Randolph, we may feel sure that its connection with the church dates only from post-Reformation times.

Manner of using the Prymer.—Dr. Furnivall writes:—“The point I want to know is—If a man took the *Prymer* to church, would he hear the same service or set of services in Latin? Is the

Prymer a translation of a public service-book, or one of private devotion, or partly of both?"

To this we may reply, that the book is a translation, or, in the case of the Latin versions, a copy of different parts of the Breviary and Manual, the order of devotions in the Hours of the Blessed Virgin slightly differing from those in the Breviary; the Manual does not contain them. Indeed the Breviary was perhaps used sometimes in place of the *Prymer*,

"a litel Portose, the whiche the saide Sir Thomas toke wt hym alway when he rode."—*Test. Ebor.*, Pt. 11, p. 227.

Sir Thomas was a layman. From Cavendish's *Life of Wolsey*, we know the book to have been used at home in at any rate one instance. From the fact of mediæval pews still retaining their book-rests, as well as for other reasons, we know the book to have been used in church. In an article on the church of East Budleigh, Devonshire, dated pews are thus spoken of:—

"The book boards are 5 inches, and the seats 13 inches wide, both fixed perfectly horizontal that year [1537] being recorded on one of the pew ends."—Vol. XXIV of *Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science and Art*.

Though not of pre-Reformation date, the following throws some light on the use of the book in church, and is in addition of peculiar interest.

"Brawling or Misconduct in the Church of Wolsingham.

The personal answer of Arthur Chapman of Wolsingham, blacksmith, aged 30 years, 3 Feb. 1570.

He saith that upon St Mathewe day last, he, this examine, was in the church of Wolsingham the tyme of the morning praier; at what tyme this deponent was redinge of an ynglish boke, or prymer, while as the preist was saynge of his servic no myndyng what the preist redd, but tendyng his own boke and praier. Mary, he redd not allowde to the hynderenc of the priest, to his knowledg, but the priest after the first lesson willyd him, this examine to reid mor softly, to whom this examine answered that he wold mak amends for that fault, and further this examine said nott. Arthur Chapman.

The personal answer of Arthur Chapman ad positionem additionalem.

The said Arthur saith that he had a primer in english, which he haith had a twelvemonth and more; which

primer is in this Juge's hands, and which he, the said Arthure, haith used to prai on, and at such tynes as he now is blamed for."—*Depositions and other Ecclesiastical Proceedings from the Court of Durham*, Surtees Society, pp. 231-2.

Though not expressed, we may believe the following extract to represent a very general fact—

"Johanni Swan juniore meum Primerium quo cotidie utor."

Test. Ebor., Vol. II, A.D. 1459.

Perhaps not the least noteworthy and interesting fact in connection with the story of the old prayer-book may be found in the traces of thumb-marks so often found on the lower corners of the leaves. The Prymer Brit. Mus. MS. Sloane 2474 in this respect tells a tale most vividly of long and continued holding, which can have only been for devotional purposes.

The Prymer represented in its illuminations. In the Museum MSS. Sloane 2474 and Harl. 1251 the Placebo pictures represent mourners with books which we may very reasonably believe to be Prymers. In the Museum MS. 25,698, described in the Museum Catalogue as "... Miniatures cut from a book of Hours (?) Flemish, late xv," is a representation of a mediæval deathbed, in which one of the figures is depicted as reading a book which may very well be a foreign Prymer. In the same volume is represented the interior of a church during service time, and here again two of the lay-folks are seen reading from prayer-books. In the Museum MS. 34,294 is represented a book depending in a leather casing from the girdle. Prymers similarly bound still exist. In the Museum MS. 28,962, the prayer-book is seen in use on leaves 281 b and 312.

A King's Prymer.—From the Museum authorities we learn that the Prymer MS., Kings 9, belonged to Henry the VIIIth. The volume contains his handwriting.

The Prymer of a lady of the court of Henry VII. In the description of MS. 17,012 in the Museum Catalogue we read as follows:—

"... It appears to have belonged to a lady of the court of King Henry VII, and, afterwards, of Henry VIII, for it contains the autograph inscriptions and signatures of Henry VII. himself and his Queen Elizabeth of York, Henry VIII and his Queen Catharine of Arragon, and the Princess Margaret, afterwards Queen of Scotland, all addressed to a lady towards whom Henry VII uses the term

'your lovyng maistre,' ff. 20*b*, 21. It contains also autographs of the following persons Princess, subsequently Queen, Mary, f. 192*b*, and Yolande L 'de Savoye,' daughter of Philibert, I Duke of Savoy, f. 196*b* . . ."

Mus. Catalogue, MS. 17,012.

Above the signature of the pious Catherine of Arragon, and all in the same hand, is written

"I thinke the prayrs of a frend be most acceptable vnto god and be cause I take you for one of myn assured I pray you to remembre me in yours

Katherine [y]e [Qu]e[ne]."

At leaf 180 we find :—

madam wan you ar dysposyd to pray
remember your assured saruant alw[ay]

madame when ye most deuoutyst be
haue yn remembrance f and p

A Queen's Prymer (?).—The Museum Catalogue describes MS. Sloane 2565 as having the "Arms of Q. Mary on covers."

An Abbot's Prymer (?).—The Museum MS., Harl. 928, contains at the beginning an insertion to the effect that "the first owner of this booke was Ambrose de la reene, Abbot of Glastonburie," and on the same page the book is described as having been written "in the yeare of grace 1428, the 16 of Septem, in that famous Abbie of Glastonburie," but this entry is not in a contemporary hand, though the volume itself is clearly of the period assigned. The many hundreds, probably thousands, of Prymers which belonged to the more humble classes we can, unfortunately, no longer identify, though numberless testamentary bequests remain to tell their tale.

An Oath administered on a Prymer.—

"ii. The confession of Henry Leverett, of Wisbech, in the I. of Ely, shoemaker, . . . (1) That he joined in an assembly of 22 shoemakers, 21 July, at the mill hill called the milfeld, in Wisbech, for the purpose of raising their wages, and that none should work unless their masters gave them 18*d*. for sewing every dozen pair of shoes, instead of 15*d*. as before; that he took a primer out of his bosom, and one Edward, servant to Robert Smythe, administered to him an oath to that effect."

Letters and Papers of the Reign of Henry VIII,
No. 1454 (Rolls Series, Vol. XIII, Pt. 1).

Certain Children accustomed to say the Hours daily.—

“Item, y wol and ordeyne þat vij pore children þat wol go to scole to Oxonford or Cambrigge, and namely such as be kynne or god children to me, haue euery of hem vij nobyll by yere to þaire scole duryng the terme of vij yere, and say euery day our lady matyns and houres.”—Archbp. Stafford's *Register* at Lambeth, lf. 170, bk.

The Contents of the Prymer highly esteemed.—We often find mention in mediæval Wills of those devotions which form the *Prymer*. Priests were directed

“to say every Sonday, Tuysday, and Thursday the antem Ne reminiscaris, the vij Psalmes of Penaunce, ye Lateny, ye Colettes Inclina, Miserere, Fidelium; and, every Monday in the weke, Wednnsday, Friday, and Setterday Commendacion, Placebo with Dirige.”—*Test. Ebor.*, vol. iv., p. 180, etc., etc.

Illuminated Prymers.—Most *Prymers* contain very interesting little pictures. Of the six divisions of the book, the first (the Hours) will often have at its commencement a representation of the Annunciation; the fifth division (Office for the Dead) will often have at its commencement a picture representing the interior of a church during the singing of the Office for the Dead; and the sixth division (Commendations) will often have before it a representation of a graveyard, the graves lying open, and the souls (small naked figures, three in number) being carried up in a large white cloth to the Almighty, who is depicted above.

Amongst the more interesting of the representations in the *Prymers* in the British Museum we may (not confining ourselves to English examples alone) specially note MS. No. 18,192, leaf 196, containing a representation of Communion. MS. 16,997, leaf 119, a representation of a choir with the suspended pyx (a rare example?). MS. Kings 9, St. Michael and the Devil beside the soul of the dead man, the Devil with a scroll of the dead man's sins. MS. Harl. 2934, a corpse lying outside a coffin. MS. Eg. 1070, leaf 53, Death; leaf 72, Exorcism; leaf 100, Sacramental wafer. MS. 19,962, Creation. MS. Eg. 937, leaf 7, back, a man in his night-dress praying in his bedroom. MS. 25,698, a mediæval death-bed. MS. 17,280, Benediction; a nude figure on an altar tomb; many illustrations of Bible history. MSS. 24,098 and 34,294, Superb illuminations. MS. 27,913, leaf 48, a bier. MS. 31,240, a Bleeding

Host in a monstrance ; a schoolmaster with birch and boys with books ; Last Sacrament ; the Host in the chalice. MS. Eg. 1147, a corpse being borne to the grave. MS. 18,850, leaf 272, Parish coffin. MS. 17,026, leaf 38, Communion without houselling towel. Sloane 2471 Placebo picture shows a layman with a book, seated in the chancel near the officiating priest.

Owners' writings in Prymers.—At the end of the very small Museum Prymer, Harl. 1251, is written

“Thys boke ys myne, eleanor worcestar.
and I yt loos and yow yt fynd,
I pray yow hartely to be so kynd,
that yow wel take a letel payne,
to se my boke brothe home agayne.¹
E. Worcester.”

At the commencement of the Museum MS., No. 18,629, which is however deficient in the 15 Psalms and Commendations, is written :—

“In the yere of our lord mccciiij & vij, The first daye of the Moneth of Janyuer, the Banys where solempnished & published betwixt Annes Skerne, late Wedow of the parishe of kyngeston, of the to on party, And Peres Courteys, the kynges warderobber of london, of the parishe of Saynt Andrews, in Barnardcastel in london, to the on othr party. Itm, the second Bayn was maad, don & published within the seid Chirche, the vj daye ensuyng. Itm, the third Bayn was publisshed within the seid Chirch the xiiij daye of the seid moneth of Janyuer.

Memorandum, that the Banys were asked & publisshed the xiiij daye of Janyuer, betwixt Maister Peres Courteys of the parishe of Saynt Andrews, in Barnardcastel, of the to on party, And Annes S[k]erne, wedow, of the parishe of kyngeston, of the to othr party. Itm, the second Bayn it was asked the xx daye of Janyuer. Itm, the thyrd Bayn it was asked vpon the xxv daye of Janyuer.

And so after the Banys doon & fynyshed, according to the Chirch lawes, The seid Maister Peres Courteys and the seid Annes were wedded, a fayve of pe clok, solempony within the Chirch of Saynt Andrews in Barnardcastel, the xxix daye of Janyuer, on the presence of Maistresse Stokton ; Maistre helys, gentylman ; Sir Dyd[i]er Burges, parson of Saynt Andrewe of Canterbury ; Thomas Stokton ; Thomas Stokton ; Richard Butler, Clerk of the seid

¹ These last four lines are by no means uncommon in 15th-century books

Chirch of Saynt Andrews ; Thomas H ; Thomas
Leuell ; Robert Durant ; Iamys John Boylet, and Margery
Grent Brit. Mus.,
MS. 18,629, lf. 1.

In the Museum *Prymer*, MS. 2 A XVIII, we find in the Calendar many entries of events of national interest, as for instance :—

“January.” The xxviith daie of January deceased the noble prynce Henry the eight, the yere of our lorde 1546.

Under September the 5th, in the same volume, we find the unusual entry :—

“here endythe the canycular dayes.”

Under November the 28th :—

“this saturday was bore at westmynstre at nyght, after the ix^t houre a quarter, my ladi margaret, the ij^d child to the king harri the vij^t, Anno domini 1489.”

Not a few Prymers contain, scribbled on the fly-leaves, various prescriptions for common ailments : the last-mentioned MS. will supply one :—

“Kolla quyntyta ys for a purgacyon ; ye must have yt of the pottycary ; hyt wyll cost ij^d the ovnce.
take a penyworthe of hyt, and quarter hyt in fowre, & then take on of the pecys & ley it in stepe in half a peynt of ale, y^e space of an owre ; & then strayn the ayle, & wryng it hard owt of y^e ayle, then put ij spon fulle off suger into y^e sayd ayle, & drynk it luk warm, fasting.”

At the end of the Museum *Prymer*, Harl. 3835, is written :—

“If thou art young then mary not ekit :
if thou art old thou hast more wite.
for young mens wives [may n]ot be taught,
and olde mens wives be good for naught.”

In the Museum *Prymer*, 2 A XVII, at the foot of the Calendar for March, is written :—

“In marche, after the fyerst e,
tacke the prime wher ever he be,
the thyerde sondaye without mys
estur daye yt is.
yf the prime on the sondaye be
tacke hym for on of the three.”

In the *Prymer* at Tiverton parish church occurs the following, kindly communicated by Canon Edmonds :—

THE PRYMER.

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"Thys boke is won and Crysts curse ys a nothyr.
he that stelyth the toyn shall have the tothyr."¹

In the Museum *Prymer* Harl. 2367, under the 28th of May, is scribbled

"my mother decessed upon thys daye."

In the Museum *Prymer* MS. 27,948, leaf 63*b*, we find scribbled :—

"Ihesu my lord, ihesu my god, ihesu my creature, ihesu my sauour, ihesu my blis, ihesu my socour, ihesu my helpe, ihesu my comforth, ihesu my myrthe, ihesu my solas, ihesu my leder, ihesu my techer, ihesu my wischer, ihesu my counseler, ihesu my maker, ihesu my founder, ihesu my mercy, ihesu haue mercy, ihesu lord mercy, ihesu, ihesu, grammercy, father and sone and holy gost, iij persons and oo god, grammercy, amen.

quod lednam."

Prymers containing Owners' Portraits.—According to the Museum Catalogue, the MS. *Prymer*, 2 A XVIII, contains on lf. 24 b. the portraits of the owners of the volume. Both are represented as kneeling in an attitude of prayer, and before each lies an open volume, which we may take to represent the *Prymer*.

The same Catalogue also assigns a figure on lf. 65 b., of MS. 18,629, as that of the owner of the volume.

Prymers containing Owners' Names.—These are numerous; see, for instance, the Museum MS., Burn. 334, belonging once to "John burlay of Roydoun"; and Arundel 203, with name of "Thomas Parker of Wyllngton, Sussex."

The facsimiles of this volume.—Plate II is a reproduction from the Museum *Prymer*, MS. 17,012, described above as that of a lady of the court of Henry VII. Plate III is from a volume described, of which the following is the description in the Museum Service-book Catalogue :—

"Horæ et Officia, ordine sequenti :—Kalendarium ;—
Lectioes ex evangeliis Horæ B Mariæ Virginis ;—Septem
psalmi pœnitentiales ;—Litania ;—Officium Mortuorum ;—

¹ The Harleian MS. 1251 also contains this inscription. On a blank space, in the middle of a little Prayer-book, we find in red ink :—

"Of youre charite pray for the sowlys of John Edwarde, and Margaret hys wyffe, And for Elizabethe ther daughter, professed yn syon, for whos vse thy[s] boke was made" (Brit. Mus., MS. Cott., Appx. 14, lf. 56 b.).

In this book the Hours of the Holy Spirit are substituted for those of the B. Virgin, or we might designate the book a Nun's *Prymer*.

Horæ abbreviatæ pro unoquoque die septimanæ;—Commemorationes Sanctorum et dierum festorum;—Oratio ad Virginem, et Officia varia abbreviata;—Lectiones evangelicæ de Passione Christi;—Historia Biblica, versibus expressa incip “Verbum a principio procedens eterno.” On vellum, finely written and illuminated, for the use of René of Anjou, titular king of Naples, who died in 1480. At the commencement is a large shield of his arms emblazoned; and his badge of a sail inflated by the wind, with the motto *En Dieu en soit*, is often repeated. At fol. 43 *b* are some prayers added, in which he is prayed for by name; and at fol. 53 is a miniature representing him as a crowned skeleton, with a banner of his arms beneath; a subject which is found also in a MS. written by René, preserved in the Bibl du Roi, No. 58, Fonds Gaignières. It is possible that this, and two or three other miniatures in the volume, were painted by René himself. From a memorandum at the end of the volume, it appears that this volume was subsequently presented to King Henry VII. of England by his chaplain, George Strangways, Archdeacon of Coventry. Small Quarto. [Bibl. Eg. 1070] middle xv France.

The Distribution of the Psalms of the Prymer.

The following Table will show the distribution of the 52 Psalms in the common versions of the <i>Prymer</i> . Sarum follows the Table; York adds 3, Psalms 1, 2, and 5 (see Prime of the Hours); and the Versions in English repeat the De Profundis as part of the concluding devotions of the Hours.	Hours of the Blessed Virgin.							Office for the Dead.					
	Matins.	Lauds.	Prime.	Tierce.	Sext.	None.	Evensong.	Compline.	7 Psalms.	15 Psalms.	Placebo.	Dirige.	Commendations.
Ps. 120. Ad dominum cum ...				+						+	+		
Ps. 25. Ad te domine leuaui ...										+	+		
Ps. 123. Ad te leuaui oculos meos					+		+			+		+	
Ps. 119. Beati immaculati ...													+
Ps. 128. Beati omnes ...						+				+			
Ps. 32. Beati quorum ...									+				
Ps. 41. Beatus qui intelligit												+	
Ps. 149. Cantate domino		+										+	
Ps. 19. Celi enarrant ...	+												
Ps. 138. Confitebor tibi ...											+		
Ps. 118. Confitemini domino			+										
Ps. 63. Deus deus meus		+										+	
Ps. 54. Deus in nomine tuo			+										
Ps. 67. Deus miseratur		+										+	
Ps. 130. De profundis ...									+	+	+		
Ps. 116. Dilexi quoniam											+		
Ps. 7. Domine deus meus												+	
Ps. 8. Domine dominus noster	+												
Ps. 102. Domine exaudi									+				
Ps. 143. Domine exaudi									+				
Ps. 24. Domini est terra	+												
Ps. 6. Domine ne in furore									+			+	
Ps. 38. Domine ne in furore									+				
Ps. 131. Domine non est							+			+			
Ps. 139. Domine probasti me													+
Ps. 27. Dominus illuminatio												+	
Ps. 23. Dominus regit me												+	
Ps. 93. Dominus regnauit		+											
Ps. 134. Ecce nunc										+			
Ps. 133. Ecce quam bonum										+			
Ps. 30. Exaltabo te domine												+	
Ps. 40. Expectans expectaui												+	
Ps. 126. In conuertendo						+	+			+			
Ps. 100. Iubilate deo		+											
Ps. 43. Iudica me deus								+					
Ps. 122. Lætatus sum				+			+			+			
Ps. 146. Lauda anima mea											+		
Ps. 117. Laudate dominum			+									+	
Ps. 148. Laudate dominum de		+										+	
Ps. 150. Laudate dominum in		+										+	
Ps. 121. Leuaui oculos				+						+	+		
Ps. 132. Memento domine										+	+		
Ps. 51. Miserere mei deus									+			+	
Ps. 127. Nisi dominus edificauerit						+				+	+		
Ps. 124. Nisi quia dominus					+		+			+	+		
Ps. 42. Quemadmodum												+	
Ps. 125. Qui confidunt					+		+			+	+		
Ps. 129. Sæpe expugnauerunt								+		+			
Ps. 65. Te decet ymnus									+			+	
Ps. 13. Usquequo								+					
Ps. 95. Venite	+												
Ps. 5. Verba mea auribus												+	

For some authority for the following attempt, see :

Sarum MSS.

British Museum MS. Sloane 2471

” ” ” ” 2565

” ” ” ” 2633

” ” ” Royal 2 A VIII

” ” ” Harl. 2976

” ” ” ” 2985

See p. xci for Sarum readings. See also Breviaries and Manuals of Sarum Use, and many other Prymers with the Hours noted as according to Sarum.

York MSS.

British Museum MS. Harl. 1663 (MS. H).

Mrs. Willett's, Hayward's Heath (MS. W).

York Minster MS. 16 G 5 (MS. M).

See footnotes for York readings. See also Breviaries and Manuals of York Use.

IV.

An Attempt to define the
Structure of the Prymer according to the Uses
of Sarum and York.

THE HOURS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Matins.

- Commences, Domine, labia mea aperies.
Et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.
- The opening, Deus, in adiutorium meum, intende.
Domine, ad adiuuandum me, festina.
Gloria patri, etc.
Sicut, etc.
Alleluia.
- The Invitatory, Ave maria, etc.
- The Venite, with the Invitatory interwoven.
- The Hymn, Quem terra.
- The 3 Psalms, Domine dominus noster, Celi enarrant, and Domini est terra.
- The Anthem, Benedicta tu.
- The V₇ and R₇, Sancta dei, etc.; Intercede, etc.; the Pater noster¹; the V₇ and R₇, Et ne nos, etc.; Sed libera, etc.; the V₇ and R₇, Jube, domine, etc.; Alma virgo, etc.; 3 Lessons, with their V₇s and R₇s (see Text, p. 5); the V₇s and R₇s of the first and second Lessons in **Sarum** (and in Pt. 1) being transposed in **York**, excepting the last R₇ of the first and second Lessons.
- The Te Deum.
- A V₇ and R₇, differing from our text in Pt. 1, and reading in both Uses.

Ora pro nobis, sancta dei genitrix,
Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

¹ The Ave Maria in Pt. 1 is not usual.

Lauds.

The opening, Deus in adiutorium, etc., to Alleluya inclusive (see Matins); 8 'Psalms,' Dominus regnauit, Jubilate, Deus deus meus, Deus misereatur, Benedicite, Laudate dominum de celis, Cantate domino, Laudate dominum in sanctis eius.

The Anthem, O admirabile.

The Chapter, in **Sarum**, Maria virgo; in **York**, In omnibus requiem, etc.

The Hymn, O gloriosa domina.

The V̇ and Ṙ, Elegit eam deus & preelegit eam. Et habitare facit eam in tabernaculo suo.

The Benedictus.

The Anthem, O gloriosa dei genitrix.

A V̇ and Ṙ, in **Sarum** perhaps generally Ostende nobis, domine, misericordiam tuam. Et salutare tuum da nobis; in **York**, Domine, exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

The prayer, Concede nos.

In **Sarum** now follow 16 anthems, each followed by a V̇, Ṙ, and prayer.¹

Lauds concludes (in both Uses) with the Hour of the Cross, with its V̇ and Ṙ always the same, Adoramus te, etc., Quia per, etc., and the prayer, Domine Jesu Christe.

Prime.²

The opening, Deus in adiutorium, to Alleluya, inclusive.

The Hymn, Veni creator.

In **Sarum**, 3 Psalms, Deus in nomine, Laudate dominum, and Confitemini domino; in **York**, 4 Psalms, Beatus vir, Quare fremuerunt, Verba mea auribus, and Laudate dominum, only the last being common to both Uses at this point.

The Anthem, in **Sarum**, O admirabile; in **York**, Quando natus.

The Chapter, In omnibus requiem, 8 V̇s and Ṙs (see Text), and the prayer Concede nos.

The Hour of the Cross, with its V̇ and Ṙ; and the concluding prayer, Domine Jesu Christe.

¹ Each Anthem, with its V̇, Ṙ, and Prayer, is known as a *Memorial*. (See Table of Six Sarum Prymers.)

² The structure of the Hours of Prime, Tierce, Sext, and None is exactly alike, excepting that in York Prime has 4 Psalms.

Tierce.

The opening, Deus, etc.

The Hymn, Veni creator.

3 Psalms, Ad dominum cum tribularer, Leuau i oculos, Letatus sum.

The Anthem, in **Sarum**, Quando natus, etc. ; in **York**, Rubum quem viderat.

The Chapter, Ab initio, 8 V's and R's, and the prayer Concede nos.

The Hour of the Cross, with its V and R, and the prayer Domine Jesu Christe.

Sext.

The opening, Deus, etc.

The Hymn, Veni creator.

3 Psalms, Ad te leuau i oculos meos, Nisi quia dominus, and Qui confidunt.

The Anthem, in **Sarum**, Rubum quem ; in **York**, Germinavit radix.

The Chapter, Et sic in syon, 8 V's and R's, and the prayer Concede nos.

The Hour of the Cross, with its V and R, and the prayer Domine Jesu Christe.

None.

The opening, Deus, etc.

The Hymn, Veni creator.

3 Psalms, In conuertendo, Nisi dominus, and Beati omnes.

The Anthem, in **Sarum**, Germinavit radix ; in **York**, Ecce maria.¹

The Chapter, Et radicaui, 8 V's and R's, the two last of which in **York** read, Elegit eam deus & preelegit eam. Habitare facit eam in tabernaculo suo, and the Prayer, Concede nos.

The Hour of the Cross, with its V and R, and the prayer Domine Jesu Christe.

Vespers.

The opening, Deus, etc.

5 Psalms, Letatus sum, Ad te leuau i, Nisi quia, Qui confidunt, and In conuertendo.

The Anthem, Post partum.

The Chapter, Beata es virgo.

The Hymn, Ave maris stella.

¹ Ecce maria genuit nobis saluatorem ; quem iohannes uidens exclamauit dicens, ecce agnus dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi. Alleluia.

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A V̇ and Ṙ, differing in **York** from our text, and reading, Sancta dei genitrix. Intercede pro nobis.

The Magnificat.

The Anthem, Sancta maria succurre.

A V̇ and Ṙ, differing from our text, and reading in both Uses, Domine exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

The prayer, Concede nos; the Hour of the Cross, with its V̇ and Ṙ; and the prayer, Domine Jesu Christe.

Compline.

The V̇ and Ṙ, Conuerte nos, deus, salutaris noster. Et averte iram tuam a nobis.

The opening, Deus, etc.

4 Psalms, Usquequo, domine, Judica me, Sæpe expugnaverunt, Domine non est.

The Anthem, Cum iocunditate.

The Chapter, Sicut cynamomum.

The Hymn, Virgo singularis.¹

A V̇ and Ṙ, differing from our text, and reading in both Uses, Ecce ancilla domini. Fiat michi secundum verbum tuum.

The Nunc Dimittis.

The Anthem, in **Sarum** Glorificamus te; in **York**, Ecce completa sunt.²

A V̇ and Ṙ, differing from our text, and reading in both Uses, Domine, exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

The Prayer, Gratiam tuam; the Hour of the Cross,³ with its V̇ and Ṙ;⁴ and the prayer, Domine Jesu Christe.⁵

Concluding Devotions of the Hours.

The Salve Regina, to post hoc exilium ostende.

Sarum then adds, O clemens, O pia, O dulcis uirgo maria.

Both Uses then read :—

¹ Really the second part of the hymn, Ave maris stella.

² Ecce completa sunt omnia que dicta sunt per angelum de virgine maria.

³ Immediately followed by the Recommendation in York :

Has horas canonicas cum deuotione,
Christe tibi recolo pia ratione,
tu qui pro me passus es amoris ardore,
sis michi solacium mortis in terrore.

The reading of the Recommendation varies slightly in some MSS.

⁴ The Hours end here in **W** (Mrs. Willett's MS.).

⁵ Followed by the Recommendation in **Sarum**.

Uirgo mater ecclesie,
 eterna porta glorie,
 esto nobis refugium
 apud patrem & filium.
 O clemens.
 Uirgo clemens, uirgo pia,
 uirgo dulcis, O maria,
 exaudi preces omnium
 ad te pie clamantium.
 O pia.
 Funde preces tuo nato
 crucifixo, uulnerato,
 & pro nobis flagellato,
 spinis puncto, felle potato.
 † O dulcis.
 Gloriosa dei mater,
 cuius natus extat pater,
 ora pro nobis omnibus
 qui tuam memoriam agimus.

Sarum.	York.
O maria.	O mitis.
Dele culpas miserorum, terge sordes peccatorum, dona nobis beatorum vitam tuis precibus.	Vt nos soluat a peccatis pro amore sue matris, et ad regnum claritatis perducat nos rex pietatis.
O mitis.	O casta.
Ut nos solvat a peccatis pro amore sue matris, & ad regnum claritatis perducat nos rex pietatis	Dele culpas miserorum, terge sordes peccatorum, dona nobis beatorum uitam tuis precibus
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis, o mitis maria.	O maria deo digna uirgo mater & benigna, nobis succurre miseris, ne dampnemur cum impiis.
	† O dulcis maria, salue.

The Hail Mary.¹

† All between this dagger and that below is omitted by **M** (York Minster MS.).

¹ **H** (British Museum MS.) and **W** omit this Hail Mary.

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All then concludes with the prayer *Omnipotens sempiterne* (see Pt. 1, p. 34).

THE 7 PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

In both Uses the 7 Psalms conclude with the Antiphon, *Ne reminiscaris, domine, delicta nostra, vel parentum nostrorum, neque vindictam sumas de peccatis nostris.*

THE 15 GRADUAL PSALMS.

Sarum.

The 15 Psalms conclude with the Anthem, *Parce domine, parce populo tuo quem redemisti precioso sanguine tuo, ne in eternum irascaris nobis.*

York.

Apparently the **York** Prymer did not contain the 15 Psalms as part of the Prymer proper.

THE LITANY.¹

York.

Kyrieleyson.

Christeleison.

[*Kyrieleyson.*]

Christe, audi nos.

Pater de celis, deus, miserere nobis.

Sarum.

¹ Where possible, the text is from MS. Harl. 1663. The Sarum, the saints' names in which vary slightly in the MSS., is from MS. Sloane 2565.

The Sarum MS. incorrectly gives apostles and evangelists instead of angels and archangels.

The Sarum MS. does not follow exactly the order of the names, and gives Thaddeus in place of SS. Jude, Marcial, and Timothy.

York.

Sarum.

Fili, redemptor mundi, deus, *miserere nobis.*

Spiritus sancte, deus, *miserere nobis.*

Sancta trinitas, vnus [deus], *miserere nobis.*

Sancta maria, ora *pro nobis.*

„ dei genitrix, ora *pro nobis.*

„ uirgo uirginum, ora *pro nobis.*

Sancte michael, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Gabriel*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Raphael*, ora *pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti angeli & archangeli, [orate *pro nobis*].

Omnes sancti beatorum spirituum ordines, [orate *pro nobis*].

Sancte Iohannes baptista, ora *pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti patriarche et prophete, orate *pro nobis.*

Sancte Petre, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Paule*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Andrea*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Iacobe*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Iohannes*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *thoma*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Iacobe*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Philippe*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Bartholomee*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Mathee*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Symon*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Iuda*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Mathia*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Barnaba*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Marce*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Luca*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Marciales*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Thimothee*, ora *pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti apostoli & euangeliste, [orate *pro nobis*]

Omnes sancti discipuli domini, orate *pro nobis.*

Omnes sancti Innocentes, [orate *pro nobis*].

Sancte Stephane, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Line*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Clete*, ora *pro nobis.*

„ *Clemens*, ora *pro nobis.*

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York.		Sarum.	
Sancte Corneli,	ora pro nobis.	Sancte fabiane,	ora pro nobis.
„ Cipriane,	„	„ sebastiane,	„
„ Sixte,	„	„ cosme,	„
„ thoma,	„	„ damiane,	„
„ Laurenti,	„	„ prime,	„
„ Vincenti,	„	„ feliciane,	„
„ Grisogone,	„	„ georgi,	„
„ ffabiane,	„	„ christofore,	„
„ Sebastiane,	„	„ Victor, cum sociis tuis, orate	
„ Christofore,	„	<i>pro nobis.</i>	
„ Georgi,	„	„ Dyonisi, cum sociis tuis, orate	
„ dyonisi, cum sociis tuis, „		<i>pro nobis.</i>	
„ maurici, cum sociis tuis, „		Omnes sancti martires, orate <i>pro nobis.</i>	
„ Eustachi, cum sociis tuis, „		Sancte silvester,	„
„ Blasi,	ora pro nobis.	„ leo,	„
„ Johannes & paule,	„	„ iheronime,	„
„ cosma & damiane, [„]		„ augustine,	„
„ Marcelline & petre, [„]		„ ysidore,	„
„ Albane,	„	„ iuliane,	„
„ Osualde,	„	„ gildarde,	„
„ Edmunde,	„	„ medarde,	„
„ Omnes sancti martires, orate <i>p. n.</i>		„ albine,	„
„ Silvester,	ora pro nobis.	„ eusebi,	„
„ Leo,	„	„ suuichine,	„
„ Gregori,	„	„ vrine,	„
„ Ambrosi,	„		
„ Martine,	„		
„ Nicholae,	„		
„ Basili,	„		
„ Germane,	„		
„ Augustine,	„		
„ Pauline,	„		
„ Johannes,	„		
„ Wilfride,	„		
„ Willelme,	„		
„ Cuthberte,	„		
„ Swithune,	„		
„ Sampson,	„		
„ Edmunde,	„		

York.		Sarum.	
Sancte Jeronime,	ora pro nobis.		
„ edwarde, ¹	„		
„ Leonarde,	„		
„ Benedicte,	„		
„ Egidi,	„		
„ Antoni,	„		
„ Hillarion	„		
Omnes sancti confessores, [<i>orate pro nobis</i>].			
Omnes sancti monachi & heremite, [<i>orate pro nobis</i>].			
Sancta Anna, ora pro nobis. ²			
	Sancta maria magdalena, ora pro nobis,		
	Sancta maria egipciaca, [<i>ora pro nobis</i>].		
Sancta Pelagia,	ora pro nobis.	Sancta anna,	ora pro nobis.
„ ffelicitas,	„	„ katherina,	„
„ Perpetua,	„	„ barbara,	„
„ Agatha,	„	„ margareta,	„
„ Agnes,	„	„ scholastica,	„
„ Cecilia,	„	„ petronilla,	„
„ Lucia,	„	„ praxedis,	„
„ Anastasia,	„	„ sotheris,	„
„ Sabina,	„	„ prisca,	„
„ Eufamea,	„	„ tecla,	„
„ ffides,	„	„ editha,	„
„ Karitas,	„	„ affra,	„
„ Spes,	„	„ elizabeth,	„
„ Katerina,	„		
„ Margareta,	„		
„ Juliana,	„		
„ Scolastica,	„		
„ Petronilla,	„		
„ Astreberta,	„		
„ Hilda,	„		
„ Euerildis,	„		
„ Etheldreda,	„		
Omnes sancte uirgines, ³ <i>orate pro nobis</i> .			
Omnes Sancti. ⁴			

¹ M omits.

² St. Anna omitted by W.

³ ' & vidue,' Sarum.

⁴ 'et sancte dei,' Sarum.

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York.		Sarum.
Propicius esto, parce nobis, domine.		
Ab omni malo,		libera nos, domine.
Ab insidiis diaboli,		libera nos, domine.
		A dampnatione perpetua, libera nos, domine.
A peste superbie,		Ab imminentibus peccatorum nostro- rum periculis, libera nos, domine.
libera nos, domine.		Ab infestationibus demonum, libera nos, domine.
A carnalibus desideriis,		A spiritu fornicationis, libera nos, do- mine.
libera nos, domine.		Ab appetitu inanis glorie, libera nos, domine.
		Ab omnibus inmundiciis mentis & corporis, libera nos, domine.
A persecucione paganorum & omnium		
inimicorum nostrorum,		
libera nos, domine.		
		Ab ira et odio, & omni mala uoluntate, libera nos, domine.
A uentura ira,		Ab inmundis cogitationibus, libera nos, domine.
libera nos, domine.		A cecitate cordis, libera nos, domine.
		A fulgure & tempestate, libera nos, domine.
A subitanea & eterna morte,		A subitanea & improuisa morte, libera nos, domine.
[libera nos, domine.]		
Per misterium sancte incarnationis tue,		
libera nos, domine.		
		Per natiuitatem tuam, libera nos, domine.
		Per sanctam circumcisionem tuam, libera nos, domine.
		Per baptismum tuum, libera nos, domine.
		Per ieiunium tuum, libera nos, domine.

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York.		Sarum.
Per crucem & passionem tuam, libera nos, domine.		Per pretiosam mortem tuam, libera nos, domine.
Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam, libera nos, domine.		Per gloriosam resurrectionem tuam, libera nos, domine.
Per admirabilem ascensionem tuam, libera nos, domine.		
Per gratiam sancti spiritus paracliti, libera nos, domine.		
A penis inferni, libera nos, domine.		In hora mortis succurre nobis domine, libera nos, domine.
In die iudicii, libera nos, domine.		
Peccatores te rogamus, audi nos.		
Ut pacem & concordiam ¹ nobis dones; te rogamus, audi nos.		Ut misericordia et pietas tua nos semper custodiat. te rogamus, audi nos.
Ut sanctam ecclesiam tuam regere ac defensare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.		
Ut dompnum apostolicum & omnes gradus ecclesie in sancta religione conseruare digneris ² ; te rogamus, audi nos.		
Ut archiepiscopum nostrum, et omnem congregationem sibi commissam, in sancta religione conseruare digneris. ³ te rogamus, audi nos.		
Ut regibus et principibus nostris pacem et ueram concordiam, atque uictoriam, donare digneris ⁴ ; te rogamus, audi nos.		Ut episcopos & abbates nostros & omnes congregationes illis commissas, in sancta religione conseruare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.

¹ The Sarum MS. omits '& concordiam.'

² episcopum for dompnum apostolicum in Sarum. ³ This petition omitted by M.

⁴ regi nostro for regibus in Sarum.

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York.	Sarum.
Ut locum nostrum, & omnes habitantes in eo, uisitare & consolari digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	Ut congregationes omnium sanctorum tuorum, in tuo seruitio conseruare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.
Ut omnibus benefactoribus nostris, eterna bona retribuas; [te rogamus, audi nos.]	Ut cunctum populum Christianum, precioso sanguine tuo redemptum, conseruare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.
Ut cunctum populum Christianum, precioso sanguine tuo redemptum, conseruare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	Ut omnibus benefactoribus nostris sempiterna bona retribuas; te rogamus, audi nos.
Ut remissionem omnium peccatorum nostrorum nobis donare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut obsequium seruitutis nostre ratio- nabile facias; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut animas nostras, & parentum nostrorum, ab eterna dampnatione eripias; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut misericordia & pietas tua nos sem- per custodiant; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut aeris temperiem bonam nobis dones; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut fructus terre dare & conseruare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut fratribus nostris & omnibus fide- libus infirmis, sanitatem mentis & corporis donare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	Ut oculos misericordie tue super nos reducere digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.
	Ut obsequium seruitutis nostre rationa- bile facias; te rogamus, audi nos.
	Ut mentes nostras ad celestia desideria erigas; te rogamus, audi nos.
Ut miseria pauperum & captiuorum, intueri & releuare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	
Ut cunctis fidelibus defunctis, requiem eternam donare digneris; te rogamus, audi nos.	

York.	Sarum.
Ut ad gaudia eterna nos perducere digneris; <i>te rogamus, audi nos.</i>	
Ut nos exaudire <i>te rogamus, audi nos.</i>	digneris;
Fili dei, <i>te rogamus, audi nos.</i>	
Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi; parce nobis, domine.	
Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi; exaudi nos, domine.	
Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi; miserere nobis;	
<i>Christe, audi nos.</i>	
	Kyrieleyson.
	<i>Christeleyson.</i>
	Kyrieleyson.
	Paternoster.
	Et ne nos inducas.
	Sed libera.
	Ostende nobis, domine, misericordiam tuam.
	Et salutare tuum da nobis.
	Et ueniat super nos misericordia tua, domine. ¹
	Salutare tuum secundum eloquium tuum.
Peccauimus, domine, cum patribus nostris.	
Iniuste egimus, iniquitatem fecimus.	
Domine, non secundum peccata nostra, facias nobis.	
Neque secundum iniquitates nostras, retribuas nobis.	
Ne memineris, domine, iniquitatum nostrarum antiquarum.	Oremus pro omni gradu ecclesie.
cito anticipent nos misericordie tue quia pauperes facti sumus nimis.	Sacerdotes tui induantur iusticiam, et sa[n]cti tui exultent.
Adiuua nos, deus salutaris noster.	Pro fratribus et sororibus nostris.
Et propter gloriam nominis tui, domine,	Saluos fac seruos tuos & ancillas tuas, deus meus, sperantes in te.

¹ M gives this and the next petition too.

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York.

libera nos, & propicius esto peccatis nostris, propter nomen tuum.
Memor esto congregacionis tue. Quam possedisti ab inicio.
Sacerdotes tui induantur iusticiam.
Et sancti tui exultent.
Domine, saluum fac regem. Et exaudi nos in die qua inuocauerimus te.
Saluum fac populum tuum, domine. [et benedic hereditati tue.]
Et rege eos, & ex[tolle illos usque in eternum].
Exurge, domine, adiuua nos. Et libera nos propter nomen tuum.
Domine, deus uirtutum, [conuerte nos].
Et ostende [faciem tuam, & salui erimus].

Domine, exaudi [orationem meam].

Deus, cui proprium, etc. (see Part 1, p. 78).

Deus, in te sperancium fortitudo, adesto propicius inuocationibus nostris; & quia sine te nichil potest mortalis infirmitas, presta auxilium gratie tue, ut in exequendis mandatis tuis & uoluntate tibi & accione placeamus.

Protector in te sperancium, deus, sine quo nichil est ualidum, nichil sanctum, multiplica super nos misericordiam tuam, ut, te rectore, te duce, sic transeamus per bona temporalia, ut non amittamus eterna.

Deus, cui omne cor patet, & omnis uoluntas loquitur, & quem nullum latet secretum, purifica, per inuocationem sancti spiritus, cogitaciones

Sarum.

Pro cuncto populo catholico. Saluum fac populum tuum, domine, et benedic hereditati tue. Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in eternum.
Domine, fiat pax in uirtute tua; Et habundantia in turribus tuis.
Anime famulorum famularumque tuarum requiescant in pace. Amen.

Et clamor meus [ad te ueniat].

Omnipotens sempiterne deus, qui facis mirabilia magna solus, pretende super famulos tuos, & super cunctas congregaciones illis commissas,¹ spiritum gracie salutaris, et, ut in ueritate tibi complaceant, perpetuum eis rorem tue benedictionis infunde.

Deus, qui caritatis dona per gratiam sancti spiritus tuorum cordibus fidelium infundis, da famulis & famulabus tuis, pro quibus tuam deprecamur clemenciam, salutem mentis et corporis, ut te tota uirtute diligant, & que tibi placita sunt, tota dilectione perficiant.

Deus a quo, etc. (see Pt. 1, p. 15).

Ineffabilem misericordiam tuam que-

¹ "famulum tuum archiepiscopum nostrum, & super cunctam congregacionem illi commissam" in York MSS.

York.

cordis *nostri*, ut perfecte te diligere
& digne laudare mereamur.
Omnipotens sempiternus deus, qui facis,
etc. (see Sarum above).
Deus, qui caritatis, etc. (see Sarum
above).
Adesto, domine, supplicationibus *nos-*
tris & uiam & actus famulorum
tuorum in salutis tue prosperitate
dispone, ut inter omnes huius uie
& uite uarietates, tuo semper prote-
gantur auxilio.
Deus, a quo (see Pt. 1, p. 15).
Fidelium deus (see Pt. 1, p. 36).
Omnium sanctorum intercessionibus
quesumus, domine, gracia tua nos
semper protegat, & christianis om-
nibus uiuentibus atque defunctis
*miseri*cordiam tuam ubique pretende,
ut uiuentes ab omnibus impugna-
cionibus defensi tua opitulacione
saluentur, & defuncti remissionem
omnium suorum mereantur accipere
peccatorum.
Per Christum [dominum nostrum.
Amen.]

Sarum.

sumus, domine, nobis clementer os-
tende, ut simul nos a peccatis omni-
bus exuas, & a penis quas pro hiis
meremur benignus eripias.
Fidelium deus, etc. (see Pt. 1, p. 36).
Pietate, etc. (see Pt 1, p. 51).

THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.¹

Sarum Use.

Our text in Pt. 1 gives the Sarum Office, excepting that the V^y and R^y after the Magnificat should be transferred to the preceding psalm; and also that, it being impossible to establish the text of the concluding prayers of Placebo and Dirige as well as the conclusion of Matins commencing Libera me domine, those portions must await

¹ No reliance is to be placed on the use of Requiem, etc., after the Psalms in the Office for the Dead, though the York MS. M follows in a measure the plan shown under A, B, and C in the Table of Six Sarum Prymers.

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further investigation. It is clear that the concluding prayers of Placebo are not as a matter of course repeated at the end of Dirige.

York Use.¹

Placebo.

The text of Pt. 1 gives us the Office for the Dead according to the Use of **York**, with the following exceptions.

The V̇ and Ṙ after the Magnificat should be transferred to the preceding psalm, thus agreeing with **Sarum**.

The Anthem of the Magnificat reads :

Tuam, deus, deprecemur pietatem, ut eis tribuere digneris
lucidas & quietas mansiones.

The V̇s and Ṙs after the psalm 'Lauda anima mea' read :

Requiem eternam dona eis, domine.

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Credo uidere bona domini.

In terra uiuentium.

A porta inferi.

Erue domine animas eorum.

Requiescant in pace.

Amen.²

The concluding prayers vary.³

Dirige.

FIRST NOCTURN.

The Ṙ and V̇ before the first Lesson read :

In memoria eter[na erunt iusti.

Ab audicione mala non timebunt].

The V̇ of the second Lesson reads :

Requiem eternam dona eis, domine.

¹ Text from MS. H.

² M misplaces the last two.

³ The concluding prayers of Placebo are given by the 3 MSS. as follows :

H	W	M
Omnipotens sempiterne deus, cui nunc quam, etc.		
Deus, uenie largitor, etc.	Inclina, domine, aurem tuam (see Pt. 1, p. 55).	
	Quæsumus, domine, pro tua pietate, etc.	
Deus, qui nos patrem (see Pt. 1, p. 56).	Miserere quæsumus, domine, animabus, etc.	
	Fidelium deus (see Text, p. 36).	

SECOND NOCTURN.

The R̃y and Ṽy before the 4th Lesson read :

Ne tradas bestiis animas confitentes tibi.

[*Et animas pauperum tuorum ne obliuiscaris in finem.*]

The R̃y, Ṽy, and Repetition of the 6th Lesson read :

Libera me, domine, de uiis inferni; qui portas ereas confregisti, et visitasti infernum, et dedisti eis lumen, ut viderent te qui erant in penis tenebrarum.

Clamantes & dicentes, aduenisti, redemptor noster.

[*Qui portas.*]

THIRD NOCTURN.

The Ṽy and R̃y before the 7th Lesson read :

Anime eorum in [bonis demorentur. Et semen eorum hereditet terram].

The R̃y, Ṽy, and Repetition of the 8th Lesson read¹:

Deus eterne, in cuius humana condicio potestate consistit, animas omnium fidelium defunctorum quesumus ab omnibus absolue peccatis. Ut penitencie fructum, quem uoluntas eorum optauit, preuenti morte non perdant.

Qui in cruce positus latronem sero penitentem suscepisti, eorum precamur pie peccata dele.

[*Ut.*]

The conclusion of matins *Libera me, domine*, etc. is given, as in our text, by all 3 MSS. down to the opening, Therefore what shall I? This is omitted, and the canticle concludes :

Audiui vocem de celo dicentem,

*Beati [mortui qui in domino moriuntur].*²

Lauds (of Dirige).

The Anthem of 'Ego dixi' reads :

Eruisti, domine, animam meam ne periret.

The Ṽy and R̃y before the Benedictus read :

[*A porta inferi.*

Erue, domine, animas eorum.]³

¹ In H and W the Pater noster before the 1st, 4th, and 7th Lessons is often wanting.

² H has these last two lines on the margin, but in a contemporary hand : before them is inserted 'Libera me.'

³ H omits this Ṽy and R̃y, also the Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, and Pater noster after the Benedictus, and the concluding Ṽys and R̃ys before the final prayers.

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After the psalm 'Exaltabo domine,' the MSS. read as follows :

H	M	W
	Requiem eternam.	
	Credo uidere.	
	A porta inferi.	
Inclina, domine.		Domine, exaudi.
Quesumus, domine.		Dominus nobiscum.
Miserere quesumus, domine.		Animabus quesumus,
Animabus quesumus	Fidelium deus omni-	domine, etc., as H.
domine famulorum,	um.	Requiescant in pace.
etc.	(Part 1, p. 36.)	Amen.

COMMENDATIONS.

Sarum Use.

Our text in Pt. 1 follows the Use of **Sarum**, if we add the prayer 'Misericordiam tuam domine.'

York Use.

Up to the commencement of the Psalm 'Domine probasti,' **York** Use follows our text. The psalm is, however, not given by any of the three MSS., but each concludes as follows :

H	M	W
Absolue quesumus, domine, animas famulorum, etc.	De profundis clamaui.	
Domine ihesu christe, qui, etc.	Fiant aures, et cetera.	
Gaude uirgo mater christi, etc.	Requiem eternam.	
Deus, qui beatissimam uirginem, etc.	Credo uidere.	
	A porta inferi.	
	Domine, exaudi.	Absolue, etc., as H.
	Tibi, domine, commendamus, etc.	
	(See Part 1, p. 89.)	
	Partem beate, etc.	

V.

**Prymers Secundum Asum or Consuetudinem
Anglie.**

Prymers in which the Hours are described as above may be classed as following almost exactly the Sarum Use. The following gives the result of a collation of three MSS. of the above Use with the Sarum text laid down on p. lv etc. These MSS., excepting for its beauty Harl. 2846, have been, like those of Sarum, purposely selected at random. As in Sarum, the names of the saints in the Litany may vary in MSS. of this Use. One or two other slight variations occur, almost certainly only the result of accident.

Brit. Mus. MS. 2 A IV.

The Litany.

The Collects at the end of the Litany vary from those of Sarum.

Dirige.

The V₇ and R₇ before the first Lesson differ from Sarum, and the V₇ and R₇ before the Benedictus in Lauds are omitted.

Commendations.

The V₇ and R₇ before the Ps. Domine probasti are omitted.

Brit. Mus. MS. Harl. 2846.

The Hours.

The Memorials of SS. Andrew, Stephen, and Laurence are omitted.

7 Psalms.

The Anthem is transferred to the conclusion of the 15 Psalms.

The Litany.

The prayer Deus a quo is omitted.

Commendations.

The V₇ and R₇ before Domine probasti are omitted.

lxxiv *Prymers Secundum Usum or Consuetudinem Anglie.*

Brit. Mus. MS. Sloane 2474.

The Litany.

The prayers Deus qui caritas, and Deus a quo, are transposed.

Dirige.

The V̇ and Ṙ before the Lesson Spiritus meus read, Ne tradas &c.

The V̇ and Ṙ before the Benedictus in Lauds read, Audiui
vocem &c.

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Blessed Virgin Mary.

Where the Offices agree, the text is from MS. 2 B V. The varying
size of the larger letters is not shown.

*British Museum MS. Tib. A III.,
commencing lf. 107 b.*

*British Museum MS. 2 B V,
commencing lf. 1 b.*

notua laus in ueneratione
sancte marie uirginis.

[MATINS.]

| Domine, labia mea aperies.

Deus, in adiutorium meum intende.

Domine, ad adiuuandum me,
festina.

Gloria patri [etc.].

Sicut erat [etc.].

Domine, labia mea aperies.

Et os meum adnuntiabit laudem
tuam. III.

Domine, quid multiplicati sunt.

[In]vitorium. Ave maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum.

Venite, exultemus [etc.].

Quem terra [etc.].

Ymnus. Maria, mater domini
[etc.].

O gloriosa femina [etc.].

Antiphona. Spiritus sanctus in
te descendit [etc.].

Antiphona. Exaltata es, sancta
[etc.].

Psalmus. Domine dominus noster.

Antiphona. Uirgo uerbo concepit
[etc.].

Antiphona. Dignare me laudare
[etc.].

Psalmus. Domine, quis habitabit.

Antiphona. Ecce, maria genuit
nobis [etc.].

Antiphona. Sicut letantium
omnium [etc.].

Psalmus. Fundamenta.

Benedicta tu.		V7. Specie tua & pulchritudine tua.
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Pater noster.

Preces. Precibus & meritis [etc.].		Et ne nos [etc.].
Benedictio. Pater de celis deus [etc.].		Precibus & meritis [etc.].
		Benedictio. Intus & [etc.].

Quas igitur tibi [etc.].		Ecce tu pulchra [etc.].
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R7. *Sancta* & immaculata uirginitas [etc.].

V7. Benedicta tu in mulieribus [etc.].

Quia.

Benedictio. Beata interueniente maria [etc.].		Omni benedictione [etc.].
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Lectio II. Recordare nostri [etc.].		Lectio. Que est ista que [etc.].
		Tu autem.

R7. Beata es maria, que dominum [etc.].		R7. Super salutem & omnem [etc.].
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V7. Aue maria [etc.].		V7. Ualde eam nos oportet [etc.].
Genuisti.		gaudent.

Benedictio. Intercessio sancte marie [etc.].		Benedic [. . ? . .]. <i>Gratia sancti spiritus</i> [etc.].
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Lectio III. O maria [etc.].		Lectio. Pulchra es amica [etc.].
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Tu autem.

R7. Te laudant angeli [etc.].		R7. Beata es, uirgo [etc.].
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V7. Ipsa [etc.].		V7. Aue maria [etc.].
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Ut benedic.

Te deum lau[damus, etc.].

In principio erat [etc.].

Te decet laus. Te decet ymnus [etc.].

Collecta. Famulorum tuorum [etc.].		Collecta. Deus, qui boate [etc.].
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[LAUDS.]

Ad laudibvs.

Deus in adiutorium.

Domine, ad adiuuandum me, festina.

Gloria patri.

Deus misereatur nostri.

Antiphona. Post partum [etc.].	Antiphona. Nigra sum, sed formosa [etc.].
Psalmus. Dominus regnavit.	
Antiphona. Odor [etc.].	Antiphona. Tota pulchra es [etc.].
Psalmus. Iubilate.	
Antiphona. In odorem [etc.].	Antiphona. Ortus conclusus [etc.].
Psalmus. Deus, deus meus.	
Antiphona. Benedicta filia tua domino [etc.].	
Psalmus. Benedicite.	
Antiphona. Cum iocunditate [etc.].	Antiphona. Felix namque [etc.].
Psalmus. Laudate.	
Capitelum. Ego quasi [etc.].	Capitulum. In omnibus requiem [etc.].
	Deo gratias.
Ry. Sancta maria mater [etc.].	Ry. Adiuvabit eam [etc.].
Vy. Et impetratam [etc.].	Vy. Deus in medio [etc.].
Gloria.	
Ymnus. Ave maris stella [etc.].	Ymnus. O quam glorifica [etc.].
Vy. Speciosa facta est.	Antiphona. Diffusa est [etc.].
Antiphona. O gloriosa genitrix [etc.].	In evangelio. Quomodo [etc.].
[Psalmus.] Benedictus dominus deus israhel.	
Kyrieleyson.	
Christeleyson.	
Kyrieleyson.	
Ego dixi, domine, miserere mei.	Pater noster.
Convertere.	Beata mater & innupta uirgo.
Fiat misericordia tua, domine.	Post partum uirgo.
Ave maria, gratia plena.	Specie tua & pulchritudine tua.
Post partum uirgo.	Ave maria, gratia plena.
Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	
Concede, quesumus, misericors deus [etc.].	Collecta. Concede nobis [etc.].
Ry. Nos autem [etc.].	
Vy. Per signum [etc.].	
Deus, qui pro nobis [etc.].	
Ry. Surrexit [etc.].	
Vy. In resurrectione [etc.].	
Presta quesumus [etc.].	

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Ry. *Ascendit deus* [etc.].
 V7. *Heua est* [etc.].
 Deus, cuius filius [etc.].
 Ry. *Spiritus sanctus* [etc.].
 V7. *Emitte spirituum* [etc.].
 Deus, cui omne cor patet [etc.].
 Ry. *Gloria tibi, trinitas* [etc.].
 V7. *Benedicamus* [etc.].
Collecta. *Omnipotens sempiterne*
 deus, qui dedisti [etc.].
Antiphona. *Saluator mundi* [etc.].
 V7. *Gaudet iusti* [etc.].
Collecta. *Concede, quesumus, om-*
 nipotens [etc.].

[PRIME.]

Ad Primam.

Deus, in adiutorium meum, intende.

Domine, ad adiuuandum me, fes-
 tina.

Gloria patri.

Ymnus ad primam. *Maria, mater* | *Ymnus ad primam.* *A solis ortu*
 domini [etc.]. | [etc.].

Antiphona. *Regali ex* [etc.]. | *Antiphona.* *Missus est gabriel*
 [etc.].

Psalmus. *Deus, in nomine tuo.*

| *Psalmus.* *Confitemini domino.*

Psalmus. *Beati immaculati.*

| *Psalmus.* *In quo corrigit.*

Psalmus. *Retribue seruo.*

Psalmus. *Quicumque uult.*

Capitulum. *In omnib[us, etc.].* | *Capitulum.* *In sion firmata sum*
 [etc.].

V7. *Beata mater* [etc.]. | Ry. *Adiuuabit eam deus uultu suo.*

V7. *Deus in medio* [etc.].

Deus uultu suo.

Gloria patri.

V7. *Diffusa* [etc.].

Kyrieleyson.

Christeleyson.

Kyrieleyson.

Pater noster.

| Et ne nos [etc.].
| Viuet anima mea.
| Erraui sicut onis.

Credo in deum.

| Carnis resurrectionem.

Repleatur os meum laude tua.

[Domine], auerte faciem tuam a peccatis meis.

Cor mundum crea in me, deus.

Ne pro[i]icias me a facie tua.

Redde mihi letitiam salutaris tui.

Eripe me, domine, ab homine malo.

Eripe me de inimicis meis, deus meus.

Eripe me de operantibus iniquitatem.

Sic psallam.

Exaudi nos, deus, salutaris noster.

Deus, in adiutorium meum, intende.

Sanctus deus, sanctus, fortis, sanctus & immortalis.

Benedic, anima mea, dominum & omnia.

Benedic, anima mea, dominum, & noli.¹

Qui propitiatur omnibus.

Qui redemit de interitu.

Qui coronat te in miseratione & misericordia.

Confiteor domino deo celi [etc.].

Misereatur & propitius [etc.].

Indulgentiam [etc.].

Conuerte nos, deus, salutaris noster.

Dignare, domine, die isto.

Miserere nostri, domine, miserere.

Fiat misericordia tua, domine, super nos.

| Beata mater & innupta uirgo.

| Post partum uirgo.

| Specie tua.

Aue maria.

Post partum.

| Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Beate & gloriose [etc.].

| Collecta. Omnipotens sempiternus
| deus [etc.].

¹ For these last two lines MS. Tib., A III, reads "Benedic anima" only.

[TIERCE.]

Deus, in adiutorium meum.

Gloria patri.

Gabriel [etc.].

Ymnus ad tertiam. Domus
pudici pectoris [etc.].

Antiphona. Gaude, dei genitrix
[etc.].

Antiphona. Ave maria [etc.].

Psalmus. Legem pone.

Psalmus. Memento uerbi tui.

Psalmus. Bonitatem fecisti.

Capitulum. In sion firmata [etc.].

Capitulum. E[t] radicaui [etc.].

R̃. Diffusa [etc.].

Ṽ. Specie tua [etc.].

Ṽ. Propterea benedixit [etc.].

Intende.

Ṽ. Dilexisti [etc.].

Kyrieleyson.

Christeleyson.

Kyrieleyson.

Pater noster.

Preces. Ego dixi, domine. Ave
maria. Beata mater. Post
partum uirgo. Domine, ex-
audi.

Preces ut supra. Ave maria.
Beata mater & innupta uirgo.

Collecta. Deus, qui salutis [etc.].

Collecta. Famulorum tuorum
[etc.].

[SEXT.]

Ad VI.

Deus, in adiutorium meum, intende.

Gloria patri.

Ymnus. Maria celi [etc.].

Ymnus ad sextam. Quem terra
[etc.].

Antiphona. Succurre, sancta geni-
trix [etc.].

Antiphona. Ne timeas, maria
[etc.].

Psalmus. Defecit.

Psalmus. Quomodo.

Psalmus. Iniquos.

Capitulum. E[t] radicaui [etc.].

Sicut cedrus [etc.].

R̃. Specie tua [etc.].

Ṽ. Intende [etc.].

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Vj. Adiuuabit eam deus [etc.].	
Deus in medio eius.	Kyrieleison.
	Christeleison.
	Kyrieleison.
	Pater noster.
Ego dixi, domine. Aue maria.	Preces ut supra. Aue maria.
Beata mater. Domine, exaudi.	Beata mater.
Collecta. Concede, quesumus [etc.].	Collecta. Deus, qui nos [etc.].

[NONE.]

Ad Nonam.	
	Deus, in adiutorium meum.
	Gloria.
Ymnus. Maria virgo [etc.].	Ymnus ad VIII. Beata celi [etc.].
Antiphona. Rogamus [etc.].	Antiphona. Spiritus sanctus [etc.].
	[Psalmus.] Mirabilia.
Psalmus. Clamaui.	
Psalmus. Principes.	
Capitula. Sicut cinnamomum [etc.].	
	Rj. Adiuuabit eam deus uultu suo.
	Vj. Deus in medio [etc.].
	Vj. Diffusa est gratia [etc.].
	Kyrieleison.
	Christeleison.
	Kyrieleison.
	Pater noster.
Ego dixi, domine. Aue maria.	preces ut supra. Aue maria.
Beata mater. Domine, exaudi.	Beata mater.
Collecta. Porridge nobis [etc.].	

[EVENSONG.]

Ad vesperum.	
Deus, in adiutorium meum.	
Antiphona. Aue maria [etc.].	Antiphona ad vesperam.
	Antiphona. Benedicta tu [etc.].
Psalmus. Dixit dominus domino meo.	
Antiphona. Sancta [etc.].	Antiphona. In odorem [etc.].
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Psalmus. Letatus sum.

Antiphona. Gaude, maria uirgo, cunctas [etc.].

Psalmus. Nisi dominus.

Antiphona. Beata mater & in- | **Antiphona.** Dignare me [etc.].
nupta [etc.].

Psalmus. Memento.

Capitulum. Ab initio [etc.].

Sancta maria, succurre [etc.].

[†].

Sentiant.

Ego quasi [etc.].

R̃y. Veni electa [etc.].

Ṽy. Specie tua [etc.].

quia.

Gloria patri.

quia.

Ymnus. O quam [etc.].

Ymnus. Ave, maris stella [etc.].

Ṽy. Post partum [etc.].

Antiphona. Virgo dei [etc.]. | **Antiphona.** Succurre, sancta [etc.].

Psalmus. Magnificat.

Kyrieleyson.

Christeleyson.

Kyrieleyson.

Pater noster. Et ne nos. Ego | **Preces ut supra.** Ave maria.
dixi, domine. Ave maria. Beata mater.

Beata mater. Post partum.

Domine, exaudi.

Collecta. Concede [etc.].

Deus qui [etc.].

Benedicamus domino.

Deo gratias.

Nos autem gloriari. Ut supra.

Laudem dicite [etc.].

Letamini [etc.].

Collecta. Infirmitatem [etc.].

Laudate dominum omnis.

De profundis.

Laudate.

Audiui uocem de celo.

pater.

Requiem.

A porta inferi.

Requiescant.

[COMPLINE.]

| **A Completorium.**

Conuerte nos, *deus salutaris noster.*

Deus, in adiutorium meum, intende.

| *Gloria patri.*

Psalmus. Cum inuocarem.

| **Psalmus.** In te, domine, speraui.

Psalmus. Qui habitat.

Psalmus. Ecce nunc.

Memento nostri, domine [etc.].

Ymnus. *Christe* [etc.].

Ymnus. O quam [etc.].

Requiem ut supra.

Capitulum. Ecce [etc.].

Capitulum. Tu autem [etc.].

Vj. *Sancta* [etc.].

Vj. Custodi nos [etc.].

Antiphona. Ecce completa [etc.].

Nunc dimittis seruum.

Kyrreleison.

Christeleison.

Kyrrieleison.

Pater noster.

| Et ne nos.

| In pace in idipsum.

Credo in deum.

| Carnis resurrectionem.

| **Preces.**

Benedicamus patrem.

Benedictus es in firmamento celi.

Benedicat & custodiat.

Dignare, domine, nocte ista.

Miserere nostri, domine.

Fiat misericordia tua, domine.

Aue maria.

Beata mater.

Post partum uirgo.

| Specie tua.

Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Collecta. Protege [etc.].

Collecta. Visita [etc.].

Benedicat [etc.].

Collecta. Purifica [etc.].

Collecta. Da nobis [etc.].

VII.

The Structure of the Durham Prymer.

MS. Harl. 1804.

THE HOURS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Matins.

Commences *Domine labia*, etc.; *Et os meum*, etc.

The opening *Deus in adiutorium meum*, etc., to Alleluia inclusive; the **Invitatory**, *Aue maria*; the *Venite* (with the *Invitatory* interwoven); the Hymn,¹ *Quem terra*; the Psalms *Domine dominus noster*, *Celi enarrant*, and *Domini est terra*; *antiphona*, *Benedicta tu*; *V* *Sicut*, etc.; [*R*] *Odorem*, etc.; *Pater noster*, etc.; *Meritis*, etc.; *Jube*, etc.; *Alma*, etc.; the first Lesson, *Sancta maria*, etc.; *R* *Sancta et immaculata*, etc.; *V* *Benedicta*, etc.; *R* *Quia*, the second Lesson, *Sancta maria piarum*, etc.; *R* *Beata es maria*, etc.; *V* *Aue maria*, etc.; *R* *Genuisti*. *Iube domine*, etc.; *In omni tribulacione*, etc.; the third Lesson, *Sancta dei genitrix*, etc.; *R* *Felix namque*, etc.; *V* *Ora pro populo*, etc.; *R* *Quia*, etc.; *Gloria patri*, etc.; *Quia*; the *Te deum*; *antiphona*, *In prole mater*, etc.

Lauds.

The opening *Deus*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Dominus regnauit*; *antiphona*, *Post partum*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Iubilare deo*; *antiphona*, *Sancta dei genitrix*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Deus deus meus*; *antiphona*, *In odore*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Benedicite*; *antiphona*, *Benedicta a filio*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Laudate dominum de celis* (*Cantate* and *Laudate* too); *antiphona*, *Ortus conclusus*, etc.; *capitulum*, *Beata es maria*, etc.; *R* *Sancta maria, mater christi*, etc.; *V* *Et impetratam*, etc.; *Sancta maria, Gloria patri, Sancta maria*; *ymnus*, *O gloriosa domina*; *V* *Post partum*, etc.; *Dei genitrix*, etc.; *psalmus*, *Benedictus dominus*

¹ MS. has 'ps'.

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deus israel; *antiphona*, Uirgo dei genitrix, etc.; Concede nos; *antiphona*, Veni sancte spiritus, etc.; Vj Emitte spiritum, etc.; [Rj] Et renouabis, etc.; *oracio*, Deus qui corda, etc., and the Memorial of the Passion.

Prime.¹

Aue maria, etc.; *Christe* audi nos.

The opening Deus, etc.; the Hymn Rex *christe*, etc.; the Psalms Deus in nomine, Beatus uir, Quare fremuerunt, Uerba mea auribus, Laudate dominum omnes gentes; *antiphona*, Sancta dei genitrix, etc.; *Capitulum*, Felix namque, etc.; Rj Ihesu *christe* fili, etc.; Ihesu *christe*, etc.; qui de uirgine dignatus, etc.; Ihesu *christe*, etc.; Gloria patri, etc.; Ihesu *christe*, etc.; Aue maria, etc.; Benedicta, etc.; *oracio*, Concede misericors deus, etc.; [*oracio*], Sancti spiritus, etc.; *Oracio*, Beati iohannis, etc.; *Oracio*, Da eterne, etc.; the Memorial of the Passion.

Tierce.

Aue maria, etc.; [*Christe*, etc.].

The opening Deus, etc., and the Hymn Rex, etc.; the Psalms Legem pone, Memor esto, and Bonitatem fecisti; *antiphona*, Dignare me laudare, etc.; *capitulum*, Beata es maria que dominum, etc.; Rj Aue maria, etc.; Benedicta tu, etc.; Aue maria, etc.; Gloria patri, etc.; Aue maria, etc.; Vj Post partum, etc.; Rj Dei genitrix, etc.; *Oracio*, Concede nos, etc.; *Oracio*, Deus qui corda, etc.; *oracio*, Ecclesiam tuam, etc.; *oracio*, Propiciare, etc.; the Memorial of the Passion.

Sext.

Aue maria, etc.; *Christe*, etc.

The opening Deus, etc., and Hymn, Rex, etc.; the Psalms Defecit, Quomodo, and Iniquos; *antiphona*, Sub tuam, etc.; *capitulum*, Maria uirgo semper letare, etc.; Rj Post partum, etc.; Post partum, etc.; Vj Dei genitrix, etc.; Post partum, etc.; Gloria patri, etc.; Post partum, etc.; Vj Speciosa, etc.; Vj In deliciis, etc.; the Prayers Beate & gloriose, etc., Assit nobis, etc., Sit quesumus domine, etc., Adiuet nos, etc., and the Memorial of the Passion.

¹ Ad primam in dominica. But immediately succeeding this Prime office is that In ferialibus diebus ad primam, which is exactly the same, excepting that Beati immaculati and Retribue seruo take the place of Beatus uir, Quare fremuerunt, and Uerba mea auribus.

None.

Aue maria, etc. ; *Christe*, etc.

The opening Deus, etc., and the Hymn, Rex, etc. ; the Psalms Mirabilia, Clamaui, and Principes ; *antiphona*, In prole mater, etc. ; *capitulum*, Te laudant angeli, etc. ; R̄ Speciosa facta, etc. ; Speciosa, etc. ; In deliciis, etc. ; Speciosa, etc. ; Gloria patri, etc. ; Speciosa, etc. ; Dignare me, etc. ; Da michi, etc. ; the Prayers, Famulorum, etc. ; Ure igne, etc. ; Beati iohannis, etc. ; Deus qui sancti, etc. ; and Uide domine, etc. ; the Memorial of the Passion.

Evensong.

Aue maria, etc. ; *Christe*, etc.

The opening Deus, etc. ; the Psalms Letatus sum, Ad le leuau, Nisi quia, Qui confidunt, and In conuertendo ; *antiphona*, Beata mater, etc. ; *capitulum*, Beata es maria, etc. ; R̄ Sancta dei genitrix, etc. ; Intercede, etc. ; Sancta dei, etc. ; Gloria patri, Sancta dei, etc. ; *ymnus*, Aue maris stella ; V̄ Post partum, etc. ; R̄ Dei genitrix, etc. ; the Magnificat. euangelio, Aue regina, etc. ; oracio, Concede nos, etc. ; *antiphona*, Ueni sancte spiritus, etc. ; V̄ Emitte, etc. ; [R̄ Et renouabis, etc.] ; the Prayer Deus qui corda, etc. ; the Memorial of the Passion.

Compline.

Aue maria ; *Christe*, etc.

Conuerte nos, etc. ; Et auerte, etc.

The opening Deus, etc. ; the Psalms Usquequo domine, Iudica me, Sæpe expugnauerunt, and Domine non est ; *antiphona*, Cum iocunditate, etc. ; *capitulum*, Sicut cynamomum, etc. ; R̄ Aue maria, etc. ; Aue maria, etc. ; R̄ Benedicta, etc. ; Aue maria, etc. ; Gloria patri ; Aue maria, etc. ; *ymnus*, Uirgo singularis, etc. ; *antiphona*, Ecce ancilla, etc. ; fiat michi, etc. ; Nunc dimittis ; *antiphona*, Ecce completa est, etc. ; the Prayers Deus qui de beate marie, etc. ; Ure igne, etc. ; Beati iohannis, etc. ; Deus qui sancti, etc. ; and Uide domine, etc. ; the Memorial of the Passion, the Recommendation, the Salue regina, with the addition O clemens, O pia, O dulcis maria salue, the Aue Maria, and the Prayer Omnipotens sempiterne deus, etc.

THE 7 PSALMS.

For the 15 Psalms, see Table of Contents, Introduction, p. xvii.

THE LITANY.

Collation with the Sarum, see p. lx.

Antiphona, Ne reminiscaris domine delicta nostra vel parentum nostrorum, neque vindictam sumas de peccatis nostris propter nomen tuum.

The second Kyrieleison is not given. After S. Raphael, angeli et archangeli given. After Patriarchs and Prophets the saints' names read: petre, Paule, Andrea, Iohannes, Iacobe, Philippe, Bartholomee, Mathee, Thoma, Iacobe, Symon, Thadee, Mathia, Barnaba, Luca, Marce, apostoli & euangeliste, discipuli domini, innocentes, Stephane, Oswalde, Clemens, Alexander, Marcelle, Sixte, Laurenti, ypolite cum s. t, Corneli, Cipriane, Uincenti, Georgi, Dionisi cum s. t, Maurici c. s. t, Nichasi c. s. t, Eustachi c. s. t, ffabiane, Sebastiane, Grisogone, Quintine, Geruase, Prothasi, *Christofore*, Elphege, Thoma, Albane, Edmunde, Gorgoni, Oswyne, Cosma & damia, Marcelline & peter, Blasi, *martires*, Cuthberte, Siluester, Marcialis, Hillari, Martine, Ambrosi, Augustine, Damase, Leo, Gregori, Augustine c. s. t, Athanasi, Basile, Taurine, Romane, Audoe, Nicholae, Remigi, Iuliane, Germane, Aidane, Cedda, Wilfride, Pauline, Dunstane, Iohannes, Willelme, Edmunde, Swythune, Paule, Antoni, Hilarion, Machari, Ieronime, Benedicte, Carilephe, Maure, Columbane, Wandragesile, Boisile, Benedicte, Beda, Leonarde, Egide, Guthlace, Godrice, confessores, Maria magdalena, ffides, ffelicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Agnes, Petrocinia, Cecilia, Lucia, Scolastica, ffides, Spes, Caritas, Genouefa, Tecla, Iuliana, Praxedis, Anastasia, Cristina, Prisca, Eufemia, Margareta, Katerina, Etheldreda, Hilda, Ebba, Brigida.

Then as Sarum (the first few words slightly varying), from Omnes sancte to Per misterium, etc., inclusive; then has, Per passionem et crucem tuam, Per gloriosam, etc., omitting all between of Sarum.

In place of Ut episcopum, etc., are two supplications, Ut omnes gradus ecclesie in sancta religione conseruare digneris, and Ut episcopum nostrum & gregem sibi commissum c. d, then Ut regibus et principibus nostris pacem & veram, and on as Sarum.

The supplication Ut mentes, etc., is placed before Ut fructus, etc.

Before Ut miserias our MS. inserts Ut regularibus disciplinis nos instruere digneris.

The Fili dei is repeated.

Before the first Kyrie our MS. has *Christe* audi nos. After the

second Kyrie the MS. concludes, Pater noster, Et ne nos, Et ueniat super.¹ Salutare. Esto nobis. A facie. Memor esto. Quam. Domine saluos. Et exaudi. Saluos fac. fiat pax. Oremus pro fidelibus defunctis, Requiem. Domine exaudi. & clamor. Dominus vobiscum. Et cum; the prayers Deus cui proprium. Omnipotens sempiterne deus qui facis. Pretende. Deus a quo. A domo. Ecclesie tue. Quesumus omnipotens deus ut famulus. Rege quesumus. Familiam. Omnipotens. Adesto. Deus qui contritorum. Animabus. Deus qui. Deus qui laboribus.

THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.

Placebo.

psalmus, Dilexi; *antiphona*, Placebo; *psalmus*, Ad dominum; *antiphona*, Heu me; *psalmus*, Leuauit oculos; *antiphona*, Dominus custodit; *psalmus*, De profundis; *antiphona*, Si iniquitates; [*psalmus*], Confitebor; *antiphona*, Opera manuum; V⁷ Requiem eternam; [R⁷] Et lux; *psalmus*, Magnificat; *antiphona*, Audiui, Pater noster, A porta, Erue, Dominus vobiscum; 7 Prayers, Deus qui inter, etc.; Presta quesumus, Inclina domine, Deus venie, Deus cuius miseratione, Deus qui nobis patrem, Fidelium deus, Dominus vobiscum, Et cum, Requiescant. Amen.

Dirige.

FIRST NOCTURN.

psalmus, Verba mea; *antiphona*, Dirige; *psalmus*, Domine ne in furore; *antiphona*, Convertere; *psalmus*, Domine deus meus; *antiphona*, Ne quando; V⁷ Requiem eternam; [R⁷ Et lux]; *lectio prima*, Parce michi; R⁷ Qui lazarus; V⁷ Requiem; [R] Et locum; *lectio ij*', Tedet animam; R⁷ Credo quod redemptor; V⁷ Quem visurus; [R] Saluatorem; *lectio iij*', Manus tue fecerunt; R⁷ Heu michi; V⁷ Anima mea; [R] Dum.

SECOND NOCTURN.

[*psalmus*] Dominus regit me; *antiphona*, In loco; *psalmus*, Ad te domine; *antiphona*, Delicta; *psalmus*, Dominus illuminatio; *antiphona*, Credo videre; V⁷ Anima mea; *lectio iiij*', Quantas habeo; R⁷ Ne recorderis; V⁷ Non intres; [R] Dum; *lectio v*', Homo natus; R⁷ Domine quando veneris; V⁷ Commissa mea;

¹ The 'etc.' will for the future be understood.

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[R] *Quia*; *lectio vj'*, *Quis michi*; R̃ *Peccantem*; Ṽ *Deus in nomine*; [R] *Quia*.

THIRD NOCTURN.

[*psalmus*], *Expectans*; *antiphona*, *Complaceat*; *psalmus*, *Beatus qui intelligit*; *antiphona*, *Sana domine*; [*psalmus*], *Quemadmodum*; *antiphona*, *Sitiuit*; Ṽ *A porta*; [R̃] *Erue*; *lectio vij'*, *Spiritus meus*; R̃ *Domine secundum*; Ṽ *Qui iniquitatem*; [R] *Ideo*; *lectio [vij']*; *Pelli mee*; R̃ *Quomodo*; Ṽ *Tibi soli*; [R] *Precor te*; *lectio ix'*¹, *Quare de uulua*.

THE CONCLUSION OF MATINS. LIBERA ME, ETC.

R̃ *Libera*, *Qui portas*; Ṽ *Clamantes*, *Qui portas*; *antiphona*, *Audiui vocem*, *Pater noster*, *Et ne nos*; Ṽ *A porta*; [R̃] *Erue*, *Dominus vobiscum*, *Et cum*, *or' ut supra*.

Lauds.

[*psalmus*],² *Miserere mei*; *antiphona*, *Exultabunt*; *psalmus*, *Te decet*; *antiphona*, *Exaudi domine*; *psalmus*, *Deus deus meus*; *antiphona*, *Me suscepit*; *psalmus*, *Ego dixi*; *antiphona*, *Eruisti*; *psalmus*, *Laudate dominum de celis* (*Cantate and Laudate too*); *antiphona*, *Omnis spiritus*; Ṽ *Requiem eternam*; [R̃ *Et lux*]; *psalmus*, *Benedictus*; *antiphona*, *Domine quod*, *Pater noster*, *Et ne nos*; Ṽ *A porta*; [R̃] *Erue*, *Dominus vobiscum*.

¹ MS. has 'vj'.

² MS. has 'an'.

VIII.

TABLE SHOWING THE READING OF SIX SARUM PRYMERS.

This table furnishes some authority for the plan of the Sarum text laid down in the comparison of York and Sarum Prymers, p. lv. All six MSS. are Latin versions, the Hours in each being definitely stated to be according to the Use of Sarum. Where no variation is noted, the MSS. follow the reading of our text as given in Part I. The oft-recurring 'Domine exaudi orationem,' &c., has not been noted, unless of distinct liturgical significance. The mark — indicates agreement with MS. A. The MSS. have been purposely selected at random.

A	B	C	D	E	F
<i>Museum MS. 2 A VIII.</i> THE HOURS.	<i>Museum MS. Slo. 2633.</i> THE HOURS.	<i>Mus. MS. Harl. 2976.</i> THE HOURS.	<i>Mus. MS. Harl. 2985.</i> THE HOURS.	<i>Museum MS. Slo. 2471.</i> THE HOURS.	<i>Museum MS. Slo. 2565.</i> THE HOURS.
Matins. The Pater noster, Hail Mary, and next Versicle and Response (all before the first lesson) are omitted. The concluding Versicle and Response read, Ora pro nobis, sancta dei genitrix. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	The Hail Mary (before the first Lesson) is omitted.	As B.	As B.	As B.	As B.
Lauds. The Versicle and Response before the prayer 'Concede nos' read, Domine, exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat. No 'Benedicamus domino. Deo gratias' after the prayer 'Concede nos.'	The Versicle and Response before the prayer 'Concede nos' read, 'Ostende nobis domine, misericordiam tuam. Et salutare tuum da nobis.	As B.	As B.	As B.	As B.

A	B	C	D	E	F
After the Memorial of the Trinity follow the Memorials of the Holy Cross, SS. Michael, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, Andrew, Thomas, Stephen, Laurence, Nicholas, Mary Magdalen, Katherine, and Margaret.	— — — — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — — — — —
The Memorial for Peace is not given.					
The concluding Glorious passion, etc., is apparently purposely omitted; the Pater noster is not given.	The concluding Glorious passion, etc., is apparently purposely omitted; the Pater noster is not given.	No Glorious passion and no Pater noster, but in their place Benedicamus domino. Deo gratias.	As C.	No concluding Pater noster.	No concluding Pater noster.
Prime.					
The first Versicle after the Chapter is omitted.	— — — —		— —	— —	— —
No concluding Pater noster.		Conclusion as before.			
Tierce.					
The first Response after the Chapter is omitted.	— — — —				
No concluding Pater noster.		Conclusion as before.	— —	— —	— —
Sext.					
The first Response after the Chapter is omitted.	— — — —				
No concluding Pater noster.		Conclusion as before.	— —	— —	— —

Table showing the Reading of Six Sarum Prymers. xciii

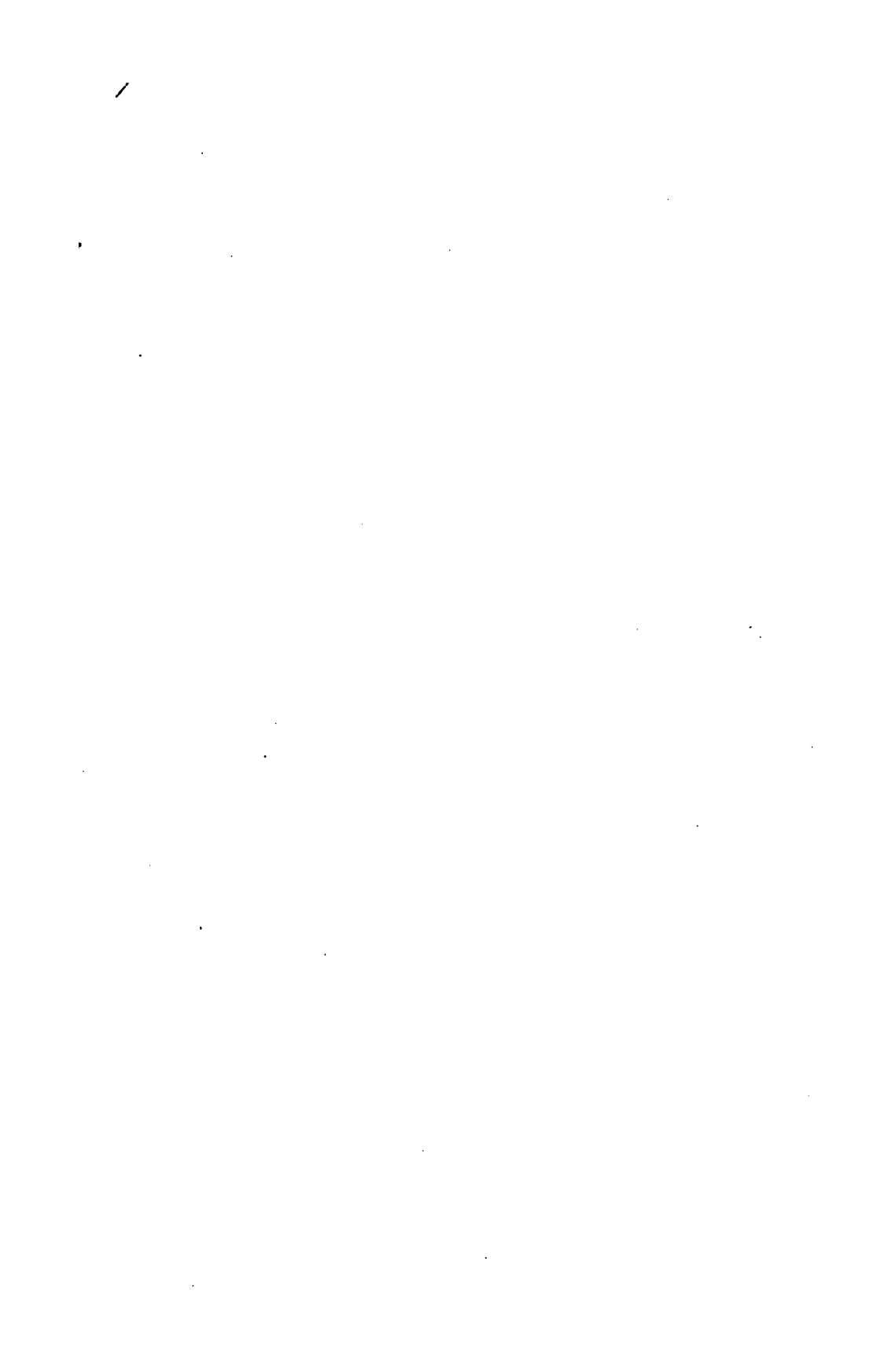
A	B	C	D	E	F
None. The first Response after the Chapter is omitted. No concluding Pater noster.	— — — —	Conclusion as before.	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Evangel. The Versicle and Response before the prayer 'Concede nos' read, 'Domine, exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.' No concluding Pater noster.	— — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — Conclusion as before.	— — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — As C.
Compline. The Versicle and Response before the Nunc Dimittis read, 'Ecce ancilla domini. Fiat michi secundum verbum tuum.' No Versicle and Response before the prayer 'Gratiam tuam.'	— — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — The Versicle and Response before the prayer 'Gratiam tuam' read, 'Domine, exaudi orationem meam. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.'	— — — — — — — As C.	— — — — — — — As C.	— — — — — — — As C.
The Recommendation is placed between the Hour of the Cross and its Versicle and Response.					

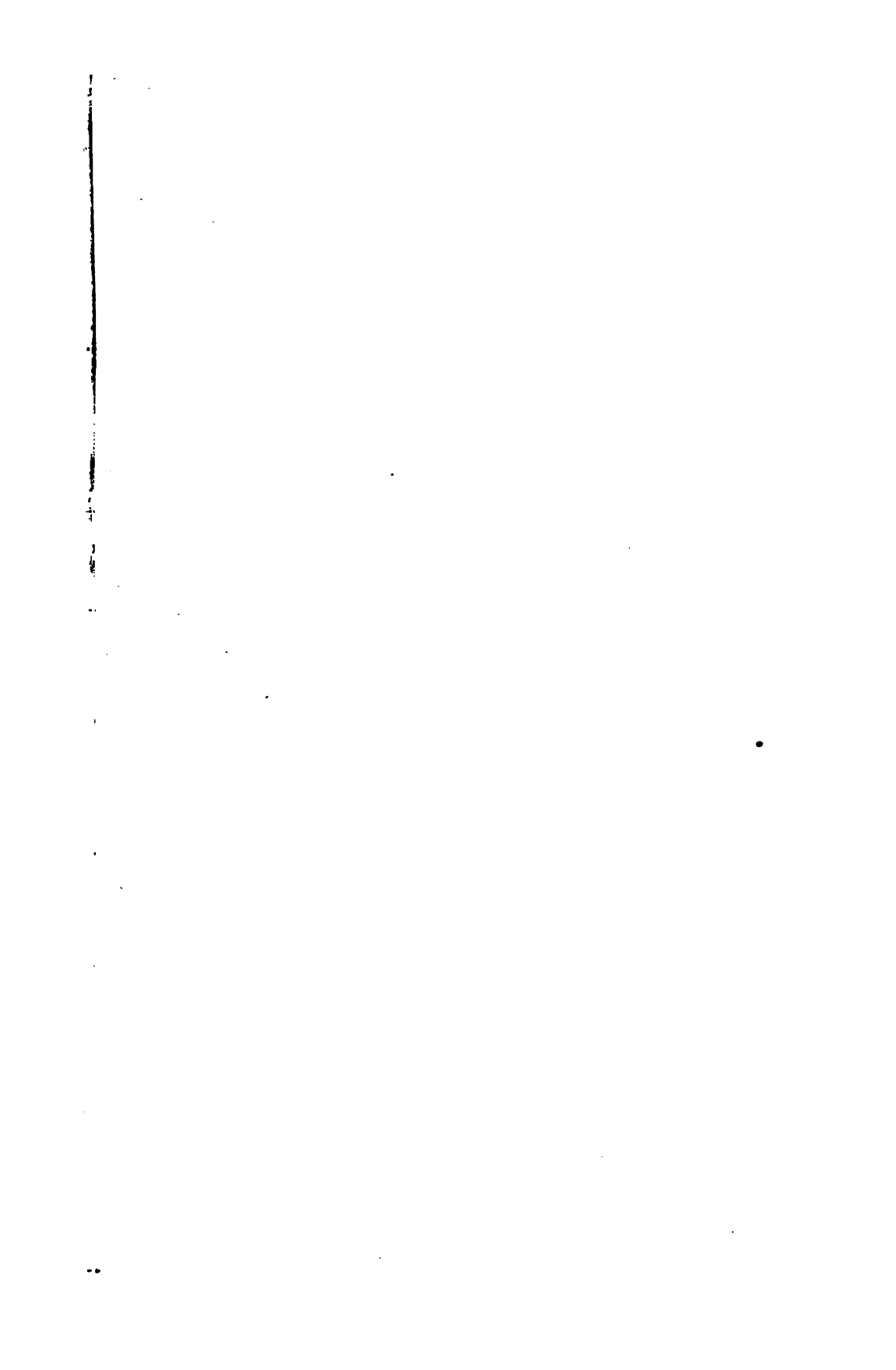
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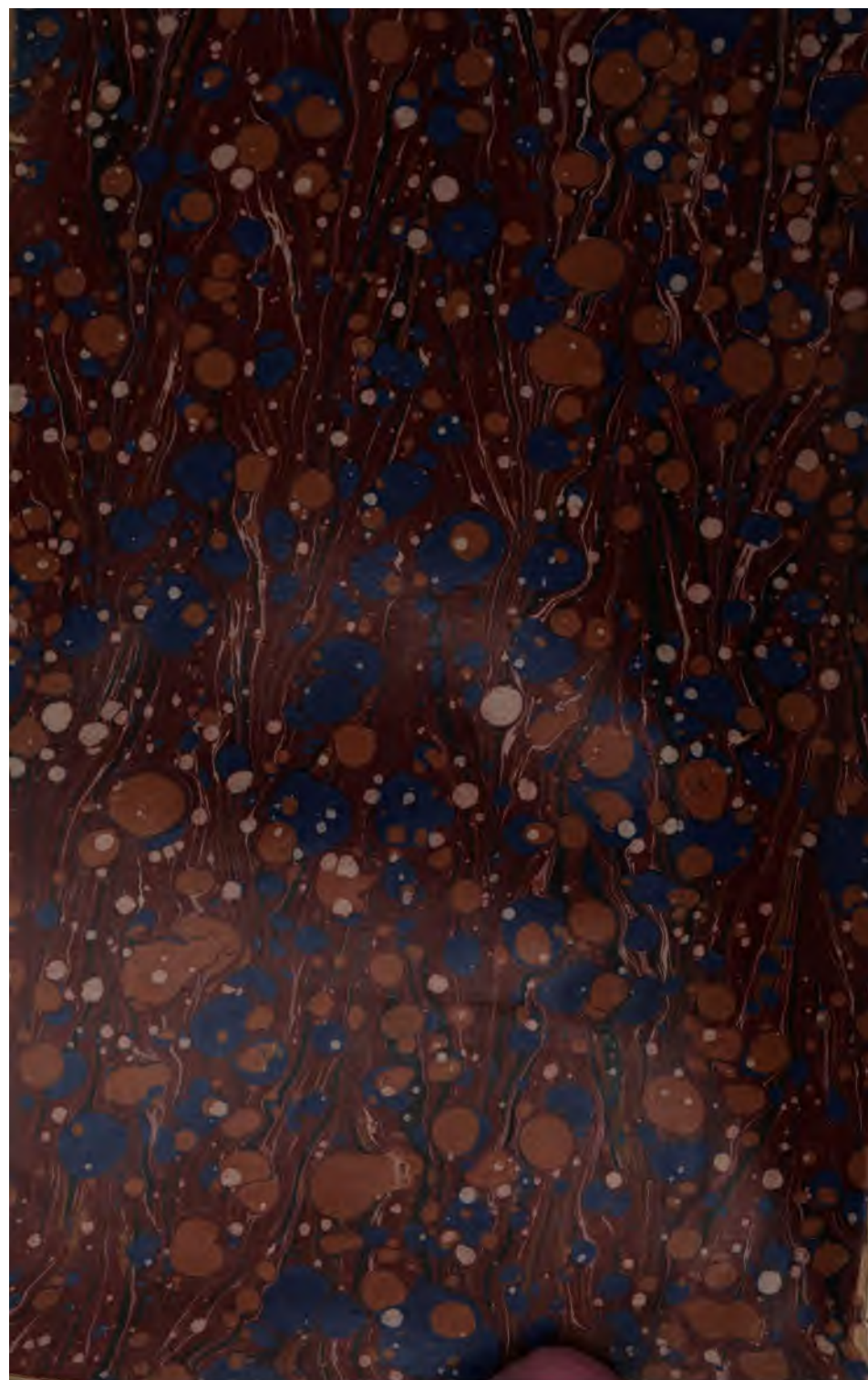
A	B	C	D	E	F
The first Response of those at the conclusion is omitted.	The last Response of those at the conclusion is omitted.			Requiescant in pace, Amen, is inserted before the last Versicle and Response.	
The final prayers are:— Deus, cui proprium, etc. Inclina, etc. Fidelium, etc.	Absolve, etc. Inclina, etc. Deus, qui nos patrem, etc. Fidelium, etc.	Deus, cui proprium, etc. Deus indulgentiarum, etc. Deus, cui proprium, etc. Deus qui inter, etc. Deus venie largitor, etc. Fidelium, etc.	As C.	Deus, cui proprium, etc. Absolve, etc. Inclina, etc. Deus qui nos patrem, etc. Fidelium, etc.	As C.
Dirige. 1st <i>Necturn.</i> Requiem, etc., follows the first and third Psalms.	— —			— —	
2nd <i>Necturn.</i> Requiem, etc., follows each Psalm.	The concluding Versicle and Response read, <i>Audi vi</i> , etc.			— —	
3rd <i>Necturn.</i> Requiem, etc., follows each Psalm. The Versicle and Response after the Antiphona of the Psalm <i>Quemadmodum</i> read, 'Ne tradas bestis animas confitemini tibi Et animas pauperum tuorum ne obliviscaris in finem.'	No <i>Pater noster</i> before the 7th Lesson.			— —	

A	B	C	D	E	F
Canticle of the Last Judgment. Apparently no construction of text possible in MSS.	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
Dirige (Lauds). Requiem, etc., follows the Psalms 'Te decet' and 'Ego dixi.'	— — —			— — —	
Of the concluding Versicles and Responses, the first two are not given. The concluding Prayers are :—	No Versicle and Response before the Benedictus.	— — —	— — —	Requiescant in pace, Amen, inserted before the last Versicle and Response.	— — —
Deus, cui proprium, etc. Inclina, etc. Fidelium, etc.	— — —	Deus, cui proprium, etc. Deus cuius misericordie, etc. Omnipotens sempiterne deus, cui nunquam sine spe, etc. Omnipotens et misericors deus, etc. Inclina, etc. Animabus, etc.	As C.	Deus, cui proprium, etc. Absolve, etc. Inclina, etc. Deus, qui nos patrem, etc. Fidelium, etc.	As C.
COMMENDATIONS.	The first Versicle and Response omitted. The concluding Versicles and Responses are represented by 'V7 Requiem.'	As B.			As B. As C.
The concluding Versicles and Responses read, Requiem, A porta, Erue. The concluding Prayers are :— Tibi, etc. Misericordiam tuam.	— —	— —	As C.	— —	— —









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